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REMEMBERING D-DAY

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A paratrooper untangles a canopy as he jumps to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day on Sunday in Caquigny, France.

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US values collided in Bergdahl quandary

By CALVIN WOODWARD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two American values collided in Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl's calamity. One had to give.

The one about never leaving a man behind prevailed.

The one about never negotiating with terrorists got lost in the swirling dust storm of a U.S. helicopter retrieving the soldier from his Taliban captors in a swap now provoking recriminations in Washington.

Each ethos runs deep in the American conscience, yet has been violated through history, notably in the

age of terrorism, where traditional standards of warfare, spying and negotiating are run through a hall of mirrors.

Bergdahl and the five Guantanamo detainees traded for his freedom were

captives in an undeclared, unconventional and open-ended war that never fit neatly into the Geneva Conventions, U.S. military doctrine or slogans about how to behave. Whatever universal rights are affirmed by the old standards, they came from an era of recognizable battlefields and POW camps, with victories and defeats signed with flourishes of a pen.

The Soldier's Creed

History is replete with extraordinary acts to bring home the lost and fallen.

The U.S. Army's Warrior Ethos and the Soldier's Creed both swear, "I will never leave a fallen comrade," and all the services place a premium on returning the missing, captured and dead.

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Walking into a beehive: 'They just swarmed'

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

When Maj. Michael Hutchings and Capt. David Haake received the third-highest medal that a flight crew member can receive — the Distinguished Flying Cross — on June 28, 2013, they became the first Marine Corps Osprey pilots to get the award.

But it almost never happened, both men recently told Stars and Stripes.

Early in his military career, Hutchings passed the pilot's test by just one point — one he received, it turned

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out, in error. He got his wings, nevertheless, the 36-year-old married father of two said.

A recruiter steered Haake toward becoming a pilot after the infantry officer billets he had requested had been filled by others. Now they are the most highly decorated MV-22B Osprey pilots in military history.

"I'm certainly proud, but I think there have been other [Osprey] pilots

in Iraq and Afghanistan that potentially deserve this," Hutchings said in April from Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., where he is still stationed as an Osprey pilot. "I kind of think of it like a team award."

Haake, a 35-year-old father of three who is now a pilot under government contract, said, "Anyone we trained with in [Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron] 365, the end result would have been the same."

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"Let us differ for the sake of our nation and not over it; let us do that as part of a unifying national march in which every party listens to the other objectively and without ulterior motives."

— Egypt's former army chief, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, after being sworn in as president

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Marines get wrinkled, wiggly recruit

By JENNIFER HLAID
Stars and Stripes

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO Like many Marine recruits, Pvt. Smedley Butler hasn't quite grown into his feet, his drill technique could use work, and he eats whatever is put in front of him.

But Smedley is likely the only private who has to be stopped from chewing on shoelaces.

The wiggly, wrinkly, extroverted 14-week-old English bulldog puppy will be the recruit depot's newest mascot as soon as he finishes his training.

Smedley, named after the Marine general who first introduced English bulldogs as Marine mascots in the 1920s, was bred in Escondido, Calif., and lives in the barracks with his handler, Cpl. Tyler Viglione. One of Smedley's brothers is the mascot at Georgetown University.

Viglione, who works in the public affairs office, cared for the previous mascot, Belleau Wood, for nearly a year before the dog "decided not to re-enlist."

Belleau now lives with a Marine family in Temecula, Calif., Viglione and Maj. Neil Ruggiero said.



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Smedley Butler, a 14-week-old English bulldog puppy, is in training to become the mascot for Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

For now, Viglione is taking Smedley to training and practicing basic tasks at home. Eventually, the Marines hope to teach the Devil Pup to salute, and he'll be fitted with uniforms at the same tailoring shop that alters uniforms for the new recruits.

Once he graduates from recruit training and becomes a private first class, Smedley will perform at weekly graduation ceremonies and also will attend recruiting and community relations events like Padres and Chargers games

and adopt-a-school events. He'll be one of three official mascots in the Corps: Chesty XIV serves as mascot at Marine Barracks Washington and Legend serves at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in South Carolina.

But Ruggiero and Viglione don't want to rush the pup. Whenever he's ready, he's ready, they said. Belleau served as the recruit depot's mascot for about five years, earning the rank of corporal. Smedley has been at the depot for about a month, but is

progressing well — despite a bit of slobbering and a few bathroom-related accidents.

Viglione's family had several dogs when he was growing up, including an American bulldog, he said. He first met Smedley when he was 2 weeks old, and went to visit the dog every week until he was old enough to move to San Diego.

Having a puppy in the barracks is "a bit of a learning experience for both of us," he said.

Smedley has gained almost 15 pounds in a matter of weeks and is expected to grow to about 75 pounds. He "works" in the public affairs office during the day, where he likes to sit in an empty row of a metal bookshelf or take naps in his crate. Marines and civilians from all over the depot come visit and play with him, Viglione said. He elicited smiles and belly rubs from everyone he passed Wednesday afternoon on a short walk for a photo shoot.

The pudgy private has also proved popular on social media: His personal Instagram feed, @mcrdsc_mascot, has only 10 photos so far, but nearly 600 followers.

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Unit activates new F model of Chinook helicopter

By ARMANDO R. LIMON
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CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — The 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade activated its newest helicopter model, the CH-47F Chinook, at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, last month.

"The new F model brings an unparalleled capability to the peninsula in support of our Allied warfighting team," said Lt. Col. Kenneth C. Cole, commander, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment (General Support Aviation Battalion).

The CH-47 Chinook is a twin-turbine engine, medium-lift helicopter capable of carrying various types of cargo, troops and weapons. While the Chinook has been in service since 1962, the latest 12F model features alterations to the airframe structure to reduce the effects of vibration, as

well as other structural enhancements to the cockpit, cabin, aft section, pylon and ramp, according to a 2nd Infantry Division statement.

The strong point of the latest Chinook model was the fact it is a completely redesigned and brand new Chinook helicopter, said Capt. Noah McQueen, Company B commander. The highly improved cockpit allows the helicopter to operate in full meteorological conditions through day, night, night-vision goggle and even brownout conditions.

"Many of the systems on the aircraft were modeled from its brother, special operations variant — everything about these machines are designed to get our combat forces to their targets, in the manner and on the time they want to get there," Cole said.

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A CH-47F Chinook stands on display May 14 at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

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Bergdahl says he was tortured by captors

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

PARIS — U.S. Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl says he was tortured, beaten and held in a cage by Taliban captors in Afghanistan after he tried to escape, a senior U.S. official said Sunday.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss what Bergdahl has revealed about the conditions of his captivity. The New York Times first reported on the matter.

The official said it was difficult to verify the accounts Bergdahl has given since his release a week ago.

Bergdahl, now 28, was captured in June 2009 after he disappeared from his infantry unit. He was held for nearly five years by Taliban militants.

Taliban spokesmen could not be immediately reached for comment Sunday. On Friday, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told The Associated Press by telephone that Bergdahl was held under "good conditions." The claim could not be independently verified.

Military doctors at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center say that while Berg-

dahl is physically able to travel he's not yet emotionally prepared to be reunited with his family. He has not yet spoken to his family.

It's unclear when he may get to go home.

Typically, a returned captive would spend from five days to three weeks in the phase of reintegration in which Bergdahl now finds himself, a Pentagon psychologist who is an expert in dealing with military members who have been released from captivity said last week. The psychologist spoke to reporters Thursday on condition of anonymity under ground rules set by the Pentagon.

Once Bergdahl is considered ready to move on to the next phase of his decompensation, he is expected to be flown to an Army medical center in San Antonio, where it is believed he will be reunited with his family.

Bergdahl was returned to the U.S. military in exchange for the release of five Taliban militants from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"It would have been offensive and incomprehensible to consciously leave an American behind, no matter what," Secretary of State John Kerry said.

Qatar, a tiny Gulf state, served as a go-between during the negotiations, and has an ongoing role in ensuring the five released prisoners remain there for at least a year, under a memo of understanding with the U.S.

The Qataris aren't "the only ones keeping an eye on them," Kerry said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

He said the U.S. has confidence in the restrictions imposed on the former detainees as a condition of their release.

"I am not telling you that they don't have some ability at some point to go back and get involved" in the terrorism fight against the United States, Kerry said.

"But they also have an ability to get killed doing that, and I don't think anybody should doubt the capacity of the United States of America to protect Americans. ... So these guys pick a fight with us in the future or now or at any time at enormous risk," Kerry said.

The deal, which the Obama White House brokered without consulting Congress, ignited a political firestorm that shows no signs of abating.

Lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, who initially praised Bergdahl's

release, backed off amid questions about whether he was a deserter who walked away from his post and an outcry over the exchange.

Some of Bergdahl's fellow soldiers maintain that Americans died during efforts to find and save him. Also, there is great concern that the high-level Taliban officials will resume activities with the Taliban.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, who was held prisoner during the Vietnam War, agreed with Kerry that the U.S. should do all it can to win the release of any American being held, "but not at the expense of the lives or well-being of their fellow servicemen and women."

He told CNN that "when we join the military, we know we take certain risks, and among those risks are wounding, death, imprisonment."

On Wednesday, Bergdahl's hometown of Hailey, Idaho, abruptly canceled plans for a welcome-home celebration, citing security concerns. And on Saturday the FBI said Bergdahl's family had received threats that are being investigated by federal, state and local authorities.

The U.S. official told the AP that Bergdahl's parents were being harassed and threatened, including death threats.

Quandary: 'Leave no man behind' ethos pulled rank on 'no negotiation with terrorists'

FROM FRONT PAGE

Often this comes at great cost, as in the 1993 Black Hawk Down battle in Somalia in which 18 U.S. servicemen were killed in the attack on U.S. helicopters and the subsequent rescue attempt.

President Barack Obama said the ethos is a "sacred" undertaking that applies to all in uniform without regard to rank or circumstance or, in Bergdahl's case, his questionable loyalty to the Army. "We have a basic principle," Obama said Thursday. "We do not leave anybody wearing the American uniform behind."

As Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John F. Kirby put it: "When you're in the Navy, and you go overboard, it doesn't matter if you were pushed, fell or jumped. We're going to turn the ship around and pick you up."

Not always. The debate over Bergdahl is rolling as world leaders and ordinary citizens commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day. The legions storming the beaches of Normandy, France, from the sea and dropping behind German lines from the sky faced snap decisions under withering fire about what to do with the wounded or trapped. Army history tells of wounded paratroopers left behind for the sake of the mission or the survival of their units. Sometimes medics were left behind, too, because they insisted on staying with the injured.

When the Korean War ended in 1953, thousands of missing and dead American soldiers were left behind, as well as POWs,

as U.S. forces retreated from North Korea. Not all the missing and dead were returned after the truce and there was strong evidence some POWs were not handed over. Today the Pentagon is still trying to retrieve remains through a process, currently stalled, of paying North Koreans to support field excavations.

The Pentagon agency primarily responsible for survival training for captured troops and for helping them back at home says the mission of bringing them back is "truly and uniquely an indelible part of the American way."

Another American way

Never negotiate with terrorists or hostage-takers? Not quite never.

The Sept. 11 attacks broke open the modern age of asymmetric warfare. Asymmetric dealmaking, diplomacy and national security were all in hand and ready. The old standards and slogans still had meaning but improvisation was required.

Prisoners taken in the fight against terrorism could not be considered prisoners of war in the U.S. government's estimation because branding them POWs might extend them rights they were not accorded at Guantanamo, never mind the now-discontinued CIA "black sites."

Ways were found to deal with those who don't fight by the rules. As in Bergdahl's case, where the government of Qatar served as go-between, intermediaries are usually involved to maintain a semblance of separation between



Supporters of U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl ride their motorcycles in the "Bring Bowe Back" celebration in Hailey, Idaho, held to honor the then-captive soldier in June 2013.

two sides that aren't really supposed to be talking to each other.

Just months after the 2001 attacks, the U.S. dropped its straightforward ban on government involvement in ransom to hostage-takers, for example. The new policy created more wiggle room for the U.S. to facilitate ransom payments and to shape negotiations, however indirectly, with captors.

The policy provided cover for the U.S. to try to free terrorist-held missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham in the Philippines in 2002 but failed to achieve a peaceful transfer. Martin Burnham died in the eventual assault on the captors.

To be sure, unsavory and prohibited deal-making has a long history, too.

Ronald Reagan's presidency is stained by the Iran-contra scandal, in which Iran, designated a state sponsor of terrorism, was to be secretly sold U.S. arms in exchange for the release of hostages, with proceeds steered illegally to Nicaraguan rebels.

The ethos against granting concessions of any kind to scoundrels gave rise to a patriotic rallying cry a century ago in the time of President Teddy Roosevelt and a Moroccan plunderer who became known as the first terrorist of the 1900s.

After Ahmed ibn-Muhammad

Raisuli took Greek-American businessman Ion Perdicaris hostage for money and political influence, the U.S. dispatched warships while Roosevelt's secretary of state demanded of Moroccan sultan: "Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead."

The effect of that ultimatum was electrifying at home and, days later, Perdicaris was free. But it turned out the U.S. had quietly pressed for Raisuli's ransom demands to be met, which they were.

The U.S. appeared to be wielding Roosevelt's big stick.

Actually it spoke softly to a terrorist.

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More than 600 international paratroopers, including more than 400 Americans, jump in Cauquigny, France, on Sunday to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

Re-creating the airborne invasion of Normandy

Stars and Stripes

CAUQUIGNY, France — More than 600 American and allied paratroopers jumped onto a field outside this tiny farming town in rural Normandy on Sunday, re-creating a daylight version of the airborne invasion here 70 years ago.

German forces kept the Americans who jumped into this drop zone from achieving some of their objectives. But the battle was also marked by bravery. A memorial to Charles Deglopper, an 82nd Airborne Division soldier whose actions earned him the Medal of Honor, stands alongside the road near where the paratroopers landed Sunday.

The airborne assault by more than 13,000 soldiers of the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions on June 6, 1944, enabled the success of the beach invasion by thousands of Allied ships and entire armies of troops hours later.

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Left: Leslie P. Cruise Jr., an 82nd Airborne Division D-Day veteran, watches as the paratroopers drop into La Fièvre drop zone. Right: Spectators gaze upward as the paratroopers float to the ground.



Above: D-Day veteran Conrad Lohoefer, a former flight engineer with the 8th Air Force, 91st Bomb Group, 401st Bomb Squadron, visits with a volunteer nurse in Cauquigny, France, after watching the parachute drop.

Below: Soldiers with the 173rd Airborne Brigade march to the "Iron Mike" monument for a ceremony.

For more coverage of the 70th anniversary of D-Day, including photos, visitor information, an interactive map and videos go to strips.com/normandy



Staff Sgt. Bruce Nelson, of the 82nd Airborne Division, shakes hands with a French boy after his parachute landing.



MILITARY

D-Day events emphasize gratitude for liberty

By Matt Millham
Stars and Stripes

CAUQUIGNY, France — When American paratroopers dropped in here in the middle of the night on June 6, 1944, they were welcomed by a hail of Nazi bullets.

Landing on the same field Sunday, hundreds of American and allied paratroopers found themselves on the edge of something like a state fair: thousands of spectators, cold beer, grilled meat and a party atmosphere awaiting them.

Intermingled with the somber atmosphere of graveside ceremonies and memorials to the heroes and units that make up the foundation of the annual D-Day remembrance is a celebratory mood buoyed by parades; red, white and blue bunting; and random acts of kindness and gratitude.

The mood is fitting for a region of France that was the first to be liberated by American and Allied forces in World War II after years of Nazi occupation. American, British and Canadian flags fly alongside the French tricolor outside French homes and businesses and along the streets. The flags are signs of respect, but also of reverence for the soldiers who risked — and those who gave — their lives to liberate Normandy.

At a ceremony Saturday celebrating the nurses of World War II, a stranger came up to Edward

and Jean Tierney — married veterans — and kissed each of them on the cheek.

The woman, maybe in her mid-60s, didn't identify herself. She just thanked them "for giving us liberty" and moved on.

"We're not celebrities, but the people are so friendly that they are just amazing," Jean Tierney said.

She served as a flight nurse in the war, and her husband as a C-47 pilot.

"I had what I describe as a mercy mission, because we evacuated wounded from Normandy to England to get them into the English hospitals quicker, which probably saved some of their lives," Edward Tierney said.

He proposed to his wife outside Paris, and they married in 1946. They came back to France for the first time 30 years ago.

"People would come up and thank you for their liberty, and of course we didn't feel that we really deserved that," Jean said. "But they invite you to their homes, they become your friends. It's just like a second home to us, really."

Despite the clearly commercial aspect of much of the celebration (at a memorial ceremony Thursday in Picauville, the phrase "sponsored by American Airlines" passed the lips of speakers at least twice, and beers at Utah Beach run a cool \$8.90), World War II veterans can't walk but a



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World War II veteran Jean Tierney, center, a flight nurse during the war, poses with two women following a ceremony celebrating the nurses of the war at Ste-Laurent-sur-Mer on Saturday.

few steps without someone thanking them for their service, asking for an autograph and posing giddily beside them as if the vet were Oprah Winfrey or Tom Hanks.

Traffic is near gridlock everywhere, but the annoyance at that is tempered by recalling that the reason for all the cars is the sheer number of people here to pay tribute to "the Greatest Generation."

Memorials to fallen and heroic Americans are more common

here than Starbucks in New York City. Restaurants, businesses and streets bear the names of units and soldiers who fought in Normandy's hedgerows and fields. When the tourists go, the names remain. While the place is full of tourists during the week of events to commemorate D-Day, the people of Normandy spend every day of every year thanking the Allies for saving them all those years ago.

Families in the region and beyond have adopted nearly all of the graves at the American cemetery above Omaha Beach at Colleville-sur-Mer, where American fighting men died by the thousands on D-Day. French families visit and care for the graves of those fallen strangers as if they were family.

Servicemen and servicewomen who survived the war are treated just as well, given room and board by French families who believe they owe the veterans for their freedom.

"There's one family that's hosted me every five years," said Ray Tollefson, a Ranger who was gravely wounded at Omaha Beach and returned to Normandy for the first time in 1984. "And that family has introduced me to many, many more great Normandy residents, and the feeling I have with them is just mutually great."

He came here the first time to pay his respects to nine of his Ranger buddies who are buried here.

Coming back over and over helps him realize that the lives and blood he and his comrades sacrificed for the liberty of strangers was worth it.

"The friendship of the Normandy people is unbelievable," he said.

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Rangers' bravery commemorated

By Matt Millham
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POINTE DU HOC, France — Of all the Allied attacks on D-Day, the Rangers' cliff-climbing heroics to take the high ground between the two American landing beaches were the most dangerous.

German guns wiped out almost half the force before it ever reached the 30-meter cliffs at Pointe du Hoc. By the end of two days of fighting without reinforcement atop the cliffs, the Ranger landing force of roughly 225 men was reduced to about 90.

The event is legendary within the 75th Ranger Regiment, which continues to handle some of the most dangerous missions in Afghanistan and in other countries as the elite light-infantry strike force of the U.S. military. Their sacrifices have also become part of the local narrative among the French, who, 70 years later, continue to thank the Rangers for what they did here.

"It was D-Day. It was the longest day, but it was also the dawn of a new day for France and for the whole world," Philippe Leboucher, chairman of a French organization dedicated to preserving the history of the Ranger assault on Pointe du Hoc, said Saturday at a memorial ceremony at the cliffs' edge. "After so many years of occupation, liberty was at last regained."

The cliffs at Pointe du Hoc provided the Germans a view of both

the Omaha and Utah beaches where tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers were to land on D-Day.

"It was considered key terrain for this reason — that whoever controlled it owned the initiative of the impending advance," Maj. Christopher Hammonds, of the 75th Ranger Regiment, said at the ceremony. "The entire operation was hard to fathom."

'[I]t's just awe-inspiring and humbling to be in their presence.'

Capt. Andrew Fisher
Ranger from Indianapolis

6, 1944, came, he and about 500 other Rangers were in the English Channel eagerly awaiting the call to land. The first wave of Rangers who assaulted the cliffs were to signal Tollefson and the others in the channel to come when they reached the top.

But their radios failed, and the call never came.

"So, Army instructions are next: Hit the beach," Tollefson said. Not knowing what happened to

the initial assault force, Tollefson and the rest of the Rangers in reserve headed to Omaha Beach, the bloodiest of the D-Day landing beaches, providing needed reinforcements to a flagging battle.

Tollefson was shot before he reached the sand and spent the night bleeding on the beach and the next two years recovering in a hospital.

He came back here 30 years ago for the first time, and has come back every five years since, he said, because he's made so many friends here.

Current Rangers who attended the event said they were in awe of the veterans who came before them.

"One of the craziest stories I've heard was one of the veterans mentioned that he'd been shot in the face three times and refused [to be evacuated] until eventually he lost consciousness," said Capt. Andrew Fisher, a Ranger from Indianapolis.

"These men were absolutely amazing. The things that they did, compared to what we do today, compared to the equipment that we have, the technology, our (medical evacuation) procedures; these guys just did it all and selflessly."

"So it's just awe-inspiring and humbling to be in their presence."

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Above: A U.S. Air Force C-130 performs a flyby Saturday during the 70th anniversary D-Day commemoration honoring the Rangers' achievements at Pointe du Hoc, France.

Left: Soldiers with the Ranger Regiment salute during the commemoration.

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EUROPE

DODEA teacher of the year: 'It's a huge honor'

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The moment it dawned on her that the accolades being shared at the staff meeting were about her, Sarah Loomis couldn't stop shaking.

Loomis, an educational technologist at Kaiserslautern Elementary School, and her colleagues were meeting the Department of Defense Education Activity's new director, Thomas Brady.

Brady used the opportunity to announce DODEA's selection for teacher of the year, reading comments others said about the educator and her achievements before revealing her name.

When Loomis heard the word "technology," she knew it was her. "The more that he read, the faster she shook," said Marion Sutton, Loomis' principal, who was sitting behind her and was in on the surprise.

Later, Brady gave Loomis a hug and observed she was still shaking when they stood for a photo, Loomis said.

"I'm like, 'This is huge,'" she recalled saying. "I wasn't ready."

Loomis has stopped shaking, though admitted her hands were sweating during an interview Friday. She's not used to all the attention. But she's thrilled to represent the nation's military school system, for which she's worked the past 12 years.

"It's a huge, huge honor," she said. "I represent all of the teachers in DODEA now and the educa-

tion profession. There couldn't be a greater honor than to represent your colleagues."

"I'm passionate about education," she added. "It's very exciting to go out and share that with others."

As DODEA's teacher of the year, she'll go on to compete for national teacher of the year honors, and next spring she and other state finalists will go to the White House and meet the president.

Loomis, 44, came to DODEA in 2004 by way of Alaska. After one year of teaching seventh-grade math at Bitburg Middle School, she filled a vacancy for the school's educational technologist, a position she held at Kaiserslautern Middle School, Kaiserslautern High School, Ramstein Intermediate School and, for the last four years, at KES.

"It's a fantastic job," she said. "I love it."

Loomis doesn't have a classroom in the traditional sense. Her job is to "help integrate technology into the classroom in meaningful ways — not just, 'Oh, we used the computer today,'" she said. She goes where she's needed, helping students in their classrooms, leading instruction on computers at the library or collaborating with her colleagues, among other tasks.

"She never slows down," Sutton said.

Sutton nominated Loomis for teacher of the year, something she's never done, she said. "She's phenomenal. She's never afraid to try new things. She's so enthusias-



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Sarah Loomis talks with Kaiserslautern Elementary School kindergarten students Grace Deiber and Michael Hamlett.

tic" she can work with everyone on staff. "You don't find that very often," Sutton said.

This school year, Loomis introduced computer coding, inspired by the "Hour of Code," a nationwide campaign asking schools, teachers and parents to help introduce students to computer programming during Computer Science Education Week in December.

"When I found out about [the campaign], I asked Ms. Sutton, 'I don't know how to computer program at all, but I think this would be a really great experience for the kids,'" Loomis recalled.

With the green light, Loomis introduced basic computer coding to the school's third-, fourth- and fifth-grade classes.

They ate it up.

"I was thinking it was only going to be maybe three or four lessons, and I did it every Thursday for two quarters," she said.

"The school was on fire," Sutton

said.

One pupil made a game with a race car track and obstacles, Loomis said.

"The kids would walk down the hall and say, 'How many lines of code did you write today?' 'I made a game last night. You've got to see it.'"

"I was just blown away by their excitement," Loomis said.

Even the youngest students at KES, the kindergartners, are using technology. On Friday, a class of 5-year-olds sat before desktop computers in the library composing a digital Father's Day card. They typed sentences to their dads and illustrated the background.

With a smile and patience, Loomis stopped to help every child, answering their questions and monitoring their progress.

"What button do you push to erase backwards? Excellent," she told one pupil.

And to another: "What's one of your dad's favorite things to

do?" When the boy replied video games, she showed him how to make a square box look like a TV on his card.

Kindergarten teacher Stephanie Hudnall said the project has been a work in progress since January. Loomis worked with the pupils in small groups, showing them how to type and use "pixie," a software program for kids that allows them to create digital artwork.

"Then we bring them here to do it as a group," she said.

"Mrs. Loomis is fantastic," Hudnall said. "She has patience; she's energetic. There's never a 'no,' and if there is a 'no,' well, it's 'we'll just figure it out.'"

Though a DODEA award probably doesn't mean much to the kindergartners, they seemed to agree that Loomis is special.

"She's very cool," said kindergarten Sean Simpkins.

"And she lets us use computers," classmate Michael Hamlett said.

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Army Corps of Engineers Europe gets new chief, marks 40th anniversary



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Col. Matthew R. Tyler, right, receives the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District colors from Brig. Gen. Kent D. Savre, the ceremony's reviewing officer and commander of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division, during a change-of-command ceremony on Friday.

Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Col. Matthew R. Tyler assumed command Friday of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District, which also was marking its 40th anniversary.

Tyler, who recently served as the deputy chief of staff, Engineer Division at U.S. Army Europe, took over command

from Col. D. Peter Helminger, who will be taking command of USACE's Transatlantic Afghanistan District.

The Europe district is responsible for providing engineer support and environmental services to 103 countries over three continents. The district is one of six within USACE's North Atlantic Division.

In his remarks following the passing of the colors, Brig. Gen. Kent D. Savre, North Atlantic Division commander, said Tyler's experience with USAREUR

would serve him well as head of USACE Europe, which was created 40 years ago when USAREUR turned over responsibility for military construction in Europe.

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US assault ship rescues 282 in Mediterranean

By HENDRICK SIMOES

Stars and Stripes

The amphibious assault ship USS Bataan rescued 282 people in the Mediterranean Sea on Friday and transferred them to Malta's military the next day, Navy officials said. Five of those rescued had to be medically evacuated.

The Bataan and the frigate USS Elrod responded to a report from an Italian military marine patrol aircraft that sighted six small vessels, one of which was sinking. Bataan dispatched two search-and-rescue MH-60S Seahawk helicopters, which confirmed the report, a Navy news release said. Search-and-rescue swimmers pulled people from the water and transported them to the Bataan, where Navy officials said they were provided food, water and medical treatment.

The Times of Malta reported that the people were migrants. There have been repeated instances of people fleeing from conflict-ridden African nations such as Somalia and Nigeria attempt-

See a video of the USS Bataan rescue at stripes.com/go/bataan



ing to make their way to Europe in often unseaworthy and overcrowded boats.

Such crossings are rising, according to the U.N. refugee agency, which estimated 6,000 people were rescued by the Italian navy from more than 40 overcrowded boats off Sicily and Calabria in a period of four days in April — a large number of them women, children and newborns.

The Bataan was supposed to have been participating in a large-scale multilateral exercise in Jordan but was ordered into the Mediterranean off the Libyan coast on May 28 in response to increased unrest there, a move that positioned the Bataan nearby in case Americans need to be evacuated from Libya.

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RJ STRATCHKO/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The amphibious assault ship USS Bataan transferred 277 people to Malta's military after rescuing them — and five others who had to be medevaced — from boats in distress in the Mediterranean Sea on Friday.

Heroes: Under fire, pilots complete mission, return with damaged Ospreys

FROM FRONT PAGE

'Close calls'

The mission Hutchings and Haake were recognized for started out like so many others. They rose at Camp Bastion in the early hours of June 27, 2012, with plans to lead a Marine reconnaissance raid force into enemy territory in Helmand province under the cover of darkness. They were to pick up the Marines at the end of their mission. Each aircraft would make two trips in and two trips out of the heavily defended hot zone.

Eked by UH-1 Huey and AH-1 Cobra attack helicopters, the pilots carried out the first wave without a hitch, both men said, despite the challenges of inserting Marines in darkness without a moon. But the enemy had heard them and was waiting for the second wave. They walked into a "beehive," said Hutchings, a former EA-6B Prowler pilot from Sacramento, Calif.

"They just swarmed," he recalled. Medium machine-gun fire ripped through Hutchings' lead aircraft, call sign Dash-1, according to their award citations. He flew into the face of exploding rocket-propelled grenades. The flashes disrupted their night vision, according to Hutchings' crew chief, Sgt. Matthew Bellici, who was one of five Marines to receive Air Medals for heroic actions that day.

Hutchings directed suppressive fire. "We took enemy fire coming in," Hutchings recalled. "There were a couple of close calls with RPGs."

He landed and inserted the ground force. While on the ground, he and his crew took more incoming fire, which extensively damaged critical flight



Maj. Michael Hutchings

Capt. David Haake

Distinguished Flying Cross

June 27, 2012
Helmand province, Afghanistan

control systems. In a split second, Hutchings had to decide whether they could fly out.

"We didn't really have a choice," he said. "There was enemy all around us, so we decided to take off."

Immediately after they did so, there were signs of trouble in the cockpit, Hutchings said. Rounds had punctured fuel lines, there were hydraulic failures and he was having trouble controlling the aircraft.

However, the Osprey, which is a relatively new aircraft, was built with redundant systems, both pilots said. That ultimately saved both crews.

"We weren't sure where the damage was," Hutchings said. The Osprey "can take a lot of damage ... As long as you're not shaking violently or have an impending gearbox failure, you can fly that thing."

Hutchings hovered momentarily to make sure the plane could fly, then he zipped back to Camp Bastion in airplane mode, even though the landing gear was stuck in the down position.

Haake learned that Hutchings had dropped off his ground element. It was imperative that he do the same, he said, or the forces on the ground would be left

vulnerable.

"We knew right away we had to reinforce the guys he had dropped off," Haake said. "We knew we were going into a pretty dangerous area, but we'd never seen [fire] at that volume before. It filled up the sky."

Bellici said Dash-2 flew directly over a machine gun nest, taking fire through the center of the aircraft. Haake said the real hero of the day was Sgt. Shane Moreland, who laid down suppressive fire on the enemy positions. After an Afghan soldier who was on board took a round through the leg, Moreland ripped off his sleeve and made a tourniquet, saving his life.

"He probably saved us from it being completely catastrophic," Haake said.

Haake inserted the Marines and took off, but his plane was more damaged than Hutchings' was. A vital fuel line had been hit, and the aircraft was spewing fuel. Hutchings called the fuel line the "aorta" of the aircraft.

In addition, the right prop rotor system, the hydraulic system and the flight-control system were affected. The cockpit was alive with the sounds of malfunctioning systems, he said. The plane was stuck in helicopter mode, traveling at a slower speed. To make matters worse, the damage was pushing the aircraft down and to the right. Haake fought with the controls to keep the Osprey in the air.

"I realized real fast we're not going to make it back to Bastion," he recalled. "I feared we'd have to make a forced landing in the desert."

Haake made a snap decision that saved them. There was a forward operating base 15 to 20 miles away. He would try to make it there. He asked a Cobra to stay with him. The aircraft lost 2,000 pounds of fuel almost instantly after taking off on the 10-minute

journey.

"The plane was very difficult to fly," Haake said. "What was going through our minds was, 'Is this plane going to fall apart on us?' ... It definitely was a pretty wild flight."

The entire outside of the plane was covered in the red-and-orange hydraulic fluid. There were bullet holes where people had been sitting, right near where their heads had been.

"We were very fortunate," he said.

Success

Hutchings had gone back to Bastion for a breakfast of burritos, he said. Six hours after the insertion, it was time to pick up the 40-or-so Marines — this time in a new plane, with a new wingman.

As Hutchings approached the

extraction point, the 16-year Marine Corps veteran again could hear the pings of bullets striking his aircraft. He flew to the smoke that the recon Marines had popped. They ran to the aircraft, firing behind them. It was all over by about 1 p.m. No one was killed in the operation.

"There was a lot of quick decisions that had to be made," Haake said. "It wound up being a big success."

Both men said that the tilt-rotor platform has a bright future because of its speed and versatility; there will be other Marine Osprey pilots who follow in their footsteps. But they will always be the first.

"Obviously, they're both great pilots and instructors," Bellici said. "I'd fly with them anywhere."

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HEROES

‘It didn’t go off ... that’s the end of it’

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

By the time Spc. Samuel Crockett stepped on the buried explosive, he had spent more than an hour painstakingly searching for IEDs on a Kandahar province field darkened by night.

Oct. 5, 2013, had been a lethal night. Four soldiers were dead from explosions. Dozens more were wounded.

Crockett and his platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Marodda Tedesco, had helped many of the wounded make their way to safety by clearing paths through terrain boobytrapped with improvised mines.

When Tedesco took some shrapnel in his legs, Crockett had to finish clearing the way for the Army Rangers and to administer aid a badly wounded soldier. He would be awarded the Silver Star for his actions.

Crockett, a bomb-disposal technician with the 28th Ordnance Company out of Fort Bragg, N.C., wasn’t supposed to be there that night. He was behind the safe walls of Camp Losano at Kandahar Airfield, where he’d arrived only a few weeks before.

Crockett grew up in the small town of Pima, Ariz., where his graduating class of 2011 numbered about 40. He had wanted to be in the military since he was 9, when his brother, Levi, joined the National Guard and specialized in explosive ordnance disposal.

“It definitely drew me toward the EOD career field,” the younger Crockett said. “He didn’t try to persuade me to, but he definitely didn’t say no to.”

Crockett signed up for the Army immediately after his senior year wrestling season was over. Two years of EOD training prepared him for deployment to Afghanistan in fall 2013.

Barely out of his teens and unmarried, Crockett enjoyed the “real simple life” of barracks, food and gym at the small camp within the massive airfield — “everything we needed,” he said.

He was part of the EOD support for the 7th Ranger Regiment, accompanying it on planned missions.

When their base received the urgent call for help that night, Crockett and Tedesco had little idea about what had happened to the soldiers in Zhari District.

“We were in there kind of blind,” Crockett said.

Soldiers had approached a building in a rural area believed to harbor bomb-making insurgents.

After the soldiers called for help, the next day, an Afghan woman walked out of the compound and detonated a suicide-bomb vest. It killed her and wounded several soldiers. The reverberation set off another nearby bomb. Rushing forward to help, two soldiers and two others tripped a third bomb.

Another Afghan insurgent was killed by one of those blasts, and a second ran away from the building and set off another suicide bomb, killing himself and a sergeant who used for bomb detection and protection.



Spc. Samuel Crockett

Silver Star

Oct. 5, 2013

Kandahar province, Afghanistan

At that point, the commander of the operation ordered everyone to freeze where they were crouched or standing.

An Army nurse, 1st Lt. Jennifer Moreno, ran forward to tend to a wounded soldier. She detonated an IED and was killed.

Two riflemen with the 75th Regiment’s 3rd Battalion — Sgt. Patrick Hawkins and Pfc. Cody Patterson — also attempted to reach the wounded and died after triggering two blasts.

Joseph M. Peters, a special agent assigned to the 286th Military Police Detachment in Vicenza, Italy, was killed by explosions of two IEDs as he helped clear a landing zone for a medical helicopter.

Crockett and Tedesco fastroped to the ground from a chopper to begin clearing safety paths.

“Our job was to get to the medics,” Crockett said. “They needed to be allowed room so that they could start working on the casualties there. We had a casualty collection point set up. Our focus was to get there and allow them to have freedom of movement.”

Wearing night-vision goggles, the two men began clearing a path for the medics to move closer to the wounded.

“It was definitely a slow, slow process,” Crockett said. “We’d rather take our time and do a thorough job versus rushing through and missing something.”

Once they’d cleared an area for the medics to work, Crockett and Tedesco separated.

“There were still quite a few number of personnel who were stranded, standing by themselves out in the open,” he said. “We slowly created a path to them and escorted them to the safe area.” For the next hour they worked with no explosions or any sign of insurgents.

“The threat was what was on the ground,” he said.

After all the living soldiers had been moved safely, the two EOD techs began the job of retrieving the dead and their equipment.

As Tedesco and several soldiers were attempting to reach Moreno, another IED was tripped and the blast scattered the men. Crockett, only a few yards away, saw that Tedesco had been knocked off his feet. By the time he reached him, the sergeant had gotten to his feet but had been hit by shrapnel in the legs. Crockett led him to a clearing and returned to deal with the other soldiers hurt in the latest blast.



COURTESY OF SAMUEL CROCKETT

Spc. Samuel Crockett wears his mission gear in Afghanistan in fall 2013.

Crockett could see that one soldier’s leg had been blown off. He was conscious but in great pain, Crockett said.

“I hadn’t been in that area, so I didn’t know what was clear and what wasn’t,” he said. “So I went ahead and got on my hands and knees and cleared a path. Checking the ground, making sure there was nothing there as I made my way to him.” After clearing about 11 yards by hand, he applied a tourniquet to the soldier.

“Since he was so far away from everything, and I wasn’t sure of the area, I grabbed him and dragged him about eight meters down to where the medic was waiting. The medic jumped in and did what he had to do.”

Only one more soldier was left to help from the final blast, a sergeant who had been knocked off

the cleared path and was now stranded in IED-laden soil.

“As I came around, I was clearing, and I stepped on one,” Crockett said.

But on a night of deadly blasts, this final detonation ended with a malfunction. “We call it a ‘low order,’ a small detonation that failed to detonate the full charge,” he said.

Asked about his reaction during those few moments when the IED was triggered and then fizzled, Crockett said he “understood what happened. But instead of thinking about what could have happened, my immediate next thought was, ‘I’m still alive, and there’s still a job that needs to be done.’ I didn’t dwell on it. I didn’t sit there and contemplate it. I just continued.”

But what about hours or days

later?

He chuckled. “You can think of ‘what-if’ games all day, but it didn’t go off, and to me that’s the end of it.”

One of Crockett’s final actions that night was to retrieve Moreno’s body, again by clearing a path using his hands, “completely alone and exposing himself to the known threats in the IED belt,” according to his Silver Star citation.

The experience helped Crockett, 21, learn what a person is capable of in a “high-stress scenario,” he said.

It built his confidence in working to disarm explosives, and he wants to stay in the Army as long as that’s his job.

“That’s the plan,” he said.

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NATION

Youth surge overwhelms border officials

By CINDY CARCAMO
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Los Angeles Times

TUCSON, Ariz. — At least 1,000 unaccompanied children who crossed illegally into the United States through Texas were being taken to a makeshift emergency shelter in Arizona over the weekend, the latest effort by authorities scrambling to handle what has been described as a humanitarian crisis.

Although overall illegal immigration has declined in recent years, two waves — one of unaccompanied children, another of parents with children — have presented a challenge for officials who say they don't have the facilities in the Southwest to detain those groups.

The presence of unaccompanied migrant children is not new, but the surge in recent months has overloaded Border Patrol stations and detention facilities, particularly in Texas. Most of the children come from Central America, a region long plagued with poverty but now having to grapple with escalating drug cartel and gang violence.

On Saturday alone, 367 children were taken from Texas to a processing center run by U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Nogales, Ariz., Andrew Wilder,

spokesman for Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, said Saturday.

A day before, 432 unaccompanied minors were taken to the same facility and another 367 were expected Sunday. "We fully expect this crisis to continue because there is no solution to fix it," Wilder said.

Brewer blasted the transfers and, in a letter to President Barack Obama, complained that she learned of the operation through the media, not from his administration.

She has not heard back from Obama, Wilder said.

In a statement Friday, the Republican governor said: "This is a crisis of the federal government's creation, and the fact that the border remains insecure — now apparently intentionally — while this operation continues full-steam ahead is deplorable."

The unaccompanied children housed in Nogales are supposed to stay for up to 72 hours before they are sent to longer-term facilities at military installations in California, Texas and Oklahoma.

Last week, immigration officials gave reporters a tour of the shelter at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. The 1,015 youths at the facility range in age from 12 to 17. Among them was a boy who appeared to be on the younger side, with spiky black



PATRICK BREEN, THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/AP

A bus carrying children arrives at a border patrol facility in Nogales, Ariz., on Saturday.

hair and a red T-shirt. He listened as a caseworker explained that she would help with his paperwork. The government would attempt to place him with relatives or an approved sponsor while his case made its way through immigration court.

"You have to be patient," she said.

The shelter first opened two years ago to cope with an earlier surge of immigrant minors. The facility closed after two months as officials found ways to more quickly place youths. But two weeks ago, overwhelmed again by a new surge of unaccompanied minors, officials reopened the shelter.

It's already approaching its capacity of 1,200.

The young migrants' ranks have tripled in five years, and could reach a new high of 60,000 this year — and more than double that the following year.

By then, the costs of shelters and resettlement could reach \$2.28 billion.

Is it free speech or illegal threats? Justices could say

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Messages posted on Facebook and Twitter or sent in emails can be tasteless, vulgar and even disturbing.

But when do they cross the line from free speech to threats that can be punished as a crime?

As the Internet and social networks allow people to vent their frustrations with the click of a mouse, the U.S. Supreme Court is being asked to clarify the First Amendment rights of people who use violent or threatening language on electronic media where the speaker's intent is not always clear.

The justices could decide as early as Monday whether to hear

appeals in two cases where defendants were convicted and sent to jail for making illegal threats, despite their claims that they never meant any harm.

In one case, a Pennsylvania man ranted on Facebook in the form of rap lyrics about killing his estranged wife, blowing up an amusement park, slitting the throat of an FBI agent and committing "the most heinous school shooting ever imagined." The other case involves a Florida woman who emailed a conservative radio talk show host about "second amendment gun rights" and said she was planning "something big" at a government building or school.

South, West get the most newcomers

By TIM HENDERSON
Stateline.org

WASHINGTON — Brian McGannon moved last year to Austin from Kansas City, Mo., for a job, joining a new wave of migration to the South and West.

Austin is "a melting pot of culture and modern progressiveness that I've never seen before," said McGannon, who works as a writer and content manager for Grandex, a media and apparel company.

"The culture shock was definitely at how active the city was, how much buzz there was ... and how obsessed everybody is with music down here," McGannon said.

Between 2010 and 2013, Texas, Florida, the Carolinas and Colorado were the strongest people magnets, drawing nearly 1 million movers, according to a Stateline analysis of recently released Census Bureau population estimates. Because of a sharp drop

in immigration from other countries, movers are now the main force for population change, bucking a decades-long trend of Americans staying put.

Texas leapfrogged over Florida, which drew the most movers a decade ago (from 2000 to 2003), as well as Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and North Carolina, states that once were more popular with movers.

At the other end of the spectrum, New York, Illinois, California, New Jersey and Michigan together have lost nearly 1 million people to interstate moves.

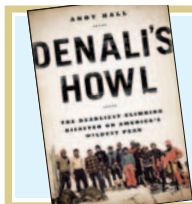
By region, almost a net 1.2 million people left the Northeast and Midwest for the South and West between 2010 and 2013, according to Stateline's analysis.

"North Carolina and Texas are very similar in that they're both what we call 'sticky states' — the percentage of adults born here who are still living here is very high, plus we are both really large migrant destinations," said

Rebecca Tippett, director of Carolina Demography, a population research group at the University of North Carolina.

Employment is the most common reason cited for moves, especially long distance. A Pew Charitable Trusts study on economic mobility found that individuals tend to benefit economically when they move, though it is unclear how much movers benefit the economies of their destination cities. (Stateline is funded by Pew.) Movement out of the Northeast and into newer areas of the country is nothing new as people seek greener pastures and lower costs.

Generally, however, interstate moves have dropped in recent decades, and the net moves described here have not yet shown a sustained recovery from the recession, according to demographer William Frey, who tracks migration at the Brookings Institution.



In 1967, twelve young men set out to climb Alaska's Mount McKinley—known as Denali—one of the world's most popular and deadly mountaineering destinations. At nearly 20,000 feet, they endured winds of up to 300 miles an hour, freezing flesh solid in minutes. Only five survived.

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WORLD

Vietnamese, Philippine sailors hold sports event

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Vietnamese and Philippine naval personnel played football, volleyball and tug-of-war Sunday in a rare display of camaraderie in the South China Sea, where their territorial rifts with China have flared alarmingly.

The daylong sports festival was held on Vietnamese-occupied Southwest Cay Island and also included cultural presentations, the two countries' navies said in a joint statement. Philippine officials said about 40 Filipino navy personnel sailed by boat to the island, bringing local delicacies such as rice cakes.

China, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam have overlapping claims in the Spratlys, a group of mostly barren islands, reefs and atolls that are believed to be sitting atop oil and natural gas deposits and straddle some of the world's most traversed sea lanes.

Although they're technically rivals, Vietnam and the Philippines recently have discussed ways to cooperate to ease tensions in the disputed waters, where both have been engaged in dangerous standoffs with China. Southwest Cay Island, which the Philippines also claims and calls Pagan, used to be occupied by Filipino troops but was seized by Vietnamese forces in the 1970s.

During the games, each team included Vietnamese and Filipino to underscore the friendly nature of the event, Philippine navy spokesman Gerald Fabie said. "We're trying to set an example," he said. "We want to show that there can be other approaches to the disputes that can in fact ease the tensions."

The rare event aimed "to foster camaraderie and friendly relations between the two nations," the two navies said, adding that it was "proof that disputes do not hinder development of practical and tangible cooperation."

"This also serves as a model of cooperation for the other navies to emulate," they said.



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

People clean up in the aftermath of a car bombing in the southeastern district of New Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday after a series of car bombs exploded across Iraq's capital Saturday night, killing and wounding scores of people. Another bombing in Iraq on Sunday killed 19 people.

19 dead in Iraq bombing

Latest attack hits Kurdish party office; 65 wounded

By SAMEER N. YACOB

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A double bombing at a Kurdish party office killed 19 people in a town northeast of Baghdad on Sunday, Iraqi officials said.

Police officials said the attack took place in the morning when a suicide bomber set off his explosive vest at the gate of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan office in Jalula, 80 miles northeast of Baghdad in the ethnically mixed Diyala province.

Minutes later, a car bomb exploded near the building as secu-

rity forces arrived to inspect the scene of the first blast. Police put the death toll for both explosions at 19 killed and 65 wounded. The dead included a senior police officer and four of his bodyguards. Several houses and cars were damaged in the attack.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media.

The PUK is headed by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, who is receiving treatment in a hospital in Germany.

Sunday's attack came a day

after a series of deadly bombings and clashes left at least 73 people dead.

Iraq is grappling with its worst surge in violence since the sectarian bloodletting of 2006 and 2007, when the country was pushed to the brink of civil war despite the presence of tens of thousands of U.S. troops.

According to U.N. figures, 8,868 people were killed in Iraq in 2013. The U.N. mission said that May was the deadliest month so far this year, with 799 Iraqis killed in violence, including 603 civilians.

Egyptian president sworn in

By HAMZA HENDAWI

The Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's former army chief, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, was sworn in Sunday as president for a four-year term, assuming the highest office of a deeply polarized nation roiled by deadly unrest and an economic crisis since its Arab Spring uprising in 2011.

El-Sissi's inauguration came less than a year after he ousted the country's first freely elected president, Islamist Mohammed Morsi, following days of mass protests demanding he step down. While praised by many in a wave of nationalist fervor following the July 3 overthrow, el-Sissi's rise to power coincided with the detention of thousands and the killing of hundreds of Morsi supporters.

Now, the retired field marshal faces the daunting task of reviving Egypt's stagnant economy, fighting Islamic extremists and cementing his rule after years of turmoil in the Arab world's most populous country.

"The presidency of Egypt is a great honor and a huge responsibility," el-Sissi told local and foreign dignitaries gathered at an opulent Cairo palace hours after his swearing-in ceremony.

Under his rule, he said, Egypt will work for regional security and stability. He also called on Egyptians to build a more stable future after three turbulent years, asking them to work hard so their rights and freedoms could grow.

"It is time for us to build a future that is more stable and pen a new reality for the future of this nation," he said.

"Let us differ for the sake of our nation and not over it; let us do that as part of a unifying national march in which every party listens to the other objectively and without ulterior motives," he said.

El-Sissi, 59, earlier took the oath of office before the Supreme Constitutional Court at the tribunal's Nile-side headquarters in a suburb south of Cairo, the same venue where Morsi, now on trial for charges that carry the death penalty, was sworn in two years ago.



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Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi reviews honor guards during his inaugural ceremony in Cairo on Sunday.

Pope hosts prayer summit with Israel, Palestine leaders

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Vatican officials insist no political agenda is lurking behind Pope Francis' invitation to the Israeli and Palestinian presidents to pray for peace together in the Vatican gardens, and no concrete initiatives are expected.

But Sunday's unusual summit — with Jewish, Christian and Muslim prayers intoned in the shadow of St. Peter's Basilica — could take on great significance on the ground. And it will certainly enhance Francis' reputation as a leader unhindered by

diplomatic and theological protocol who is willing to take risks for the sake of peace.

The prayer was organized in the two weeks since Francis first made the surprise invitation from the biblical city of Bethlehem. On Sunday, he asked the crowd attending his weekly noon blessing to join in with their own prayers.

As Palestinian flags fluttered in the breeze, Francis pressed the importance of "surprise" in the Catholic Church, saying a church that doesn't have the ability to surprise with its message of love is "weak, sick and dying and needs CPR."

Francis showed himself a master of improvisation and surprise during his trip to the Middle East, stopping to pray at the Israeli security barrier surrounding Bethlehem and then, at Israel's request, changing his busy itinerary to pray at a memorial to Jews killed in suicide bombings and other attacks.

But it was his invitation to Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas — two men who signed the Oslo peace accords in 1993 — to come to "my home" to pray for peace that captured imaginations and led to Sunday's common call

for peace on a patch of lawn inside the Vatican walls.

"In the Middle East, symbolic gestures and incremental steps are important," noted the Rev. Thomas Reese, a veteran Vatican analyst for the National Catholic Reporter. "And who knows what conversations can occur behind closed doors in the Vatican."

The meeting will mark a delicate balancing act of faith and politics.

It will begin with three separate and purely religious prayers for peace in the Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police station can't evict bats until mid-July

LA NEW ORLEANS — Bats have been stinking up a northwest Louisiana police station, and they pose a dilemma. They might have babies, and pest control companies say they generally don't evict bats during maternity season.

That means about 30 Shreveport police officers and nine Caddo Parish sheriff's deputies either have to live with the smell or vacate their offices until mid-July, when the babies can fly out.

The bats in question are one of North America's most common critters: Mexican or Brazilian free-tailed bats.

They're not endangered, but Chris Baez, owner of Ace Services of Northwest Louisiana, said many species are important for controlling insects or pollinating plants.

After mid-July, he will attach one-way exits to their entry holes. Once all the bats have left, he will seal the holes.

Police seek person who abandoned baby gator

NY YAPHANK — Authorities are offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who abandoned a baby alligator in a pond on Long Island.

The Suffolk County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said the 15-inch gator was found Friday in Mill Pond in Yaphank. SPCA Chief Roy Gross said the animal bit a man who spotted it near his canoe and tried to pick it up.

Dozens of alligators and other illegal reptiles have been abandoned on Long Island in recent years.

Possessing an alligator in New York is a violation subject to a fine of up to \$150 but abandoning one in a public place is a misdemeanor or punishable by up to a year in prison.

CDC: Death linked to mad cow disease

TX DALLAS — Health officials said a Texas patient is the fourth person in the United States to die of a rare brain disorder that is believed to be caused by consumption of beef products contaminated with mad cow disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a statement that recent laboratory tests confirmed a diagnosis of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in the patient.

The CDC said that in each of the three previous U.S. cases, infection likely occurred outside the U.S. The center said the Texas patient's history included extensive travel to Europe and the Middle East and suggested the infection occurred outside the country.

The Texas Department of State Health Services said there are no state public health concerns or threats associated with the case.

The CDC and DSHS are investigating.

There is no known treatment for the disease and it is invariably fatal.

THE CENSUS

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The winning bid for a private lunch with billionaire Warren Buffet. A spokesman for the Glide Foundation, the beneficiary of the annual auction held on eBay, said the winner was Andy Chua, from Singapore. Chua will get to spend several hours at lunch with Buffet, right, who leads Berkshire Hathaway and is best known for his investing prowess and philanthropy. The Glide Foundation provides meals, health care, job training, rehabilitation and housing support to the poor and homeless in San Francisco. Four of the previous five winners each paid more than \$2 million. Last year's winning bid was a little more than \$1 million.



MIRANDA PEDERSON, (BOWLING GREEN, KY.) DAILY NEWS/AP

Getting the hang of it

Richard Samspre, of Riviera Utilities in Alabama, works with a dummy during the Hurtman Rescue event of the Individual Apprentice competition at the Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corp.'s 17th annual Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo in Bowling Green, Ky., on Saturday.

Man accused of selling fake Viagra online

AZ PHOENIX — Authorities said a Phoenix man is in custody for allegedly selling fake sexual stimulation products on the internet.

Phoenix police said Melvin John Rutkowski, 68, is being held on suspicion of fraud scheme, control of an illegal enterprise and counterfeit marks.

The Pfizer Corp. hired a private security company two months ago to help in the investigation of possible counterfeit Pfizer products being sold online.

The security company purchased Viagra from a website and Pfizer determined the product was counterfeit. Phoenix police were contacted and detectives identified Rutkowski as a suspect.

Police executed a search warrant Wednesday night and said they recovered thousands of counterfeit pills. They said Rut-

kowski was booked on several counterfeiting-related offenses.

Police: Drunken driver kills man mowing lawn

SC EFFINGHAM — Authorities said a drunken driver hit and killed a man mowing his lawn in Florence County.

Troopers said a pickup truck crossed the two-lane highway around 6:30 p.m. Thursday and hit the man outside his Effingham home.

The coroner's office said Juan Ortuno, 35, died at the scene.

Authorities said the driver of the pickup, Christopher Powell, 28, of Florence, was charged with driving under the influence resulting in death and child endangerment because there was a child in his pickup truck at the time of the crash.

Powell remains in the Florence County jail.

Man stabbed over ringing doorbell

PA GREENSBURG — A southwestern Pennsylvania man was jailed on charges he stabbed his neighbor after police said the victim repeatedly rang the suspect's doorbell.

The criminal complaint against J. Omar Bustamante, 49, of South Greensburg, didn't make clear why the victim, Dennis Shaw, 58, was ringing the bell.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported Bustamante's daughter and boyfriend witnessed the altercation on Bustamante's porch about 2:40 a.m. Thursday.

Bustamante's daughter told police her father opened the door and immediately began arguing with Shaw about ringing the bell. After Shaw punched Bustamante, the boyfriend tried to separate the men, at which point Bustamante stabbed Shaw three times.

Shaw was hospitalized in criti-

cal condition.

Woman gets jail for teddy bear theft, threats

MI HOWELL — A woman was sentenced to six months in jail for stealing collectible teddy bears from a Michigan home and threatening two children with a gun.

The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus of Howell reported Denise Louise Powell, 45, apologized Thursday in Circuit Court before learning her punishment. She said "It's obviously clear my life is a mess, and I'd like to fix that."

In addition to jail time, a judge ordered Powell to serve two years of probation. She faced charges including larceny for the 10 stuffed collectible Steiff bears, which were taken from a Hamburg Township garage in July, as well as assault and battery for the threat.

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OPINION

I'm an Army veteran, and my benefits are too generous

By Tom Slear

A few weeks ago, I mentioned to a receptionist in a physical therapist's office that I was covered by Tricare, the military's health care program for servicemembers, retirees and their families. (It has nothing to do with the troubled Veterans Affairs hospital system.)

"Good deal," I said. "You deserve it," she responded. Really? If she only knew.

Though I spent more than five years on active duty during the 1970s as an Army infantry officer and an additional 23 years in the Reserve, I never fired a weapon other than in training, and I spent no time in a combat zone. I retired to active duty for five months in 1991 during the Persian Gulf War, but I was assigned to the Pentagon. My hazardous duty consisted of a daily drive on Washington's New York Avenue before its upgrade.

I am hardly unique. Despite the extended operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, nearly half of the 4.5 million active-duty servicemembers and reservists over the past decade were never deployed overseas. Among those who were, many never experienced combat.

It's a fact of warfare called the logistical tail. For every soldier, Marine, sailor or aviator whose job is to engage the enemy, there are three or more servicemembers in a well-guarded, reasonably comfortable bivouac area ensuring that the troops are fed, resupplied, paid, entertained and attended to medically.

These jobs are important. Battles are won based on logistics just as much as tactics. But these support jobs aren't particularly hazardous. Police officers, fire-fighters and construction workers face more danger than Army public affairs specialists, Air Force mechanics, Marine Corps legal assistants, Navy finance clerks or headquarters staff officers.

And yet, the benefits flow lavishly. While on active duty, I received medical care without any premiums or co-pays, a substantial housing allowance, a small stipend for food, and a base salary that by today's pay scale would be \$5,168 a month.

Once I joined the Reserve, I started out receiving what today would be \$11,000 annually for two days of drill per month and 13 days of active duty per year. That increased to \$17,600 when I retired in 2001.

Even though I spent 80 percent of my time in uniform as a reservist, I received

Tricare for military retirees and their families is so underpriced that it's more of a gift than a benefit.

an annual pension in 2013 of \$24,990, to which I contributed no money while serving. (Reserve retirement pay does not start until you turn 60. For those who remain on active duty for at least 20 years, payments start the month they leave service. Those who enlist at 18, right out of high school, can retire at 38 and receive \$26,000 a year for the rest of their lives.)

My family and I have access to U.S. military bases worldwide, where we can use the fitness facilities at no charge and take advantage of the tax-free prices at the commissaries and post exchanges. The most generous benefit of all is Tricare. This year I paid just \$50 for family medical insurance. In the civilian sector, the average family contribution for health care in 2013 was \$4,565, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Simply put, I'm getting more than I gave. Tricare for military retirees and their families is so underpriced that it's more of a gift than a benefit. A fourfold increase in premiums would leave Tricare safely on the side of hearty laissez, yet the Pentagon's attempts to raise premiums by as little as 10 percent have had shelf lives shorter than ice cubes.

The budget gap program last year included a trim of 1 percent in the cost-of-living increase in military retirement pay for those under 62. Predictably, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Military Officers Association of America would have none of it. "Breaking faith" is how the MOAA's chairman characterized the deal.

Oh, please. One percent on a noncontributing pension while the retirees are still in their productive working years? That's not breaking faith. It would be a judicious concession to the expanding federal deficit and would go largely unnoticed by recipients.

Forcing a percent of military retirement pay would not shortchange those wounded and disabled in combat, the ones most deserving of benefits. Disabled retirees were promptly exempted from the cut, and there was never a proposal to reduce disability care or benefits. But veteran

interest groups refuse to abide by that distinction.

In this time of excessive expenditures for government pensions, wouldn't a very small decrease in pay to military retirees be reasonable, particularly during the period of their lives when they are fully capable of civilian employment?

The draft ended more than 40 years ago in February: "You vote yes, you're for our vets. You vote no, you're against our vets."

Either Begich and his colleagues fully back military benefits regardless of the expense, or they become political dead meat. The draft ended more than 40 years ago and with it the public's direct association with the military. Nowadays most Americans don't know a sergeant from a general, an infantryman from a mail clerk, or an Army Commendation Medal from a Silver Star.

What they do know comes from watching movies such as "Lone Survivor," "Zero Dark Thirty," "The Hurt Locker" and "Black Hawk Down," in which nearly everyone in uniform comes across as a heroic warrior. What ensues is a combination of guilt and relief: Thank God those in uniform are willing to do what I don't even want to think about. And suddenly no benefit is excessive or paycheck too large.

Our servicemembers are paid well, particularly those who join with no more than a high school education. The benefits are substantial and pensions are generous, especially when compared with civilian plans.

This is not to say that we shouldn't sweeten the pot for our servicemembers to some degree. Though I never served in combat, I was trained and ready to go when called. That's worth something. Those who went to Iraq or Afghanistan and never left a base camp still disrupted their family lives for months on end. That's worth something. And those wounded in action deserve the best care possible and reasonable disability benefits.

But budget deficits are tilting America toward financial malaise. Our elected representatives will have to summon the courage to confront the costs of benefits and entitlements and make hard choices. Some "no" votes when it comes to our servicemembers and, in particular, military retirees will be necessary. We can afford it.

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US policy still out of step with Syria's reality

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial

Syria's elections Tuesday and President Bashar Assad's victory in them were a bad joke, given the level of wreckage and continuing violence in the country, but American policy toward Syria continues to lag reality.

The Syrian government claimed a 73 percent turnout of eligible voters in Tuesday's elections, with Assad having received 89 percent of the vote, against two other candidates in the race... The Syrian elections took place, of course, only in the part of the country that government forces control. They also took place minus the estimated 3 million Syrian refugees who have fled the country... and the thousands of internally displaced Syrians in no position to vote.

Nonetheless, the fact that Assad's re-

gime felt it could hold elections, and that it was fully confident that Assad would win — a precondition to holding them — was clear evidence that he will not be departing the scene anytime soon. In general, his and his regime's success can be attributed to the military success of his forces on the ground, even though significant parts of the country remain beyond their control. This phenomenon is due to his forces' fighting ability and armaments, but also to the support they have received from Hezbollah fighters from Lebanon, Iran, Iraqi exiles and Russia.

U.S. policy across the now three years of the Syrian upheaval has remained out of synchronization with what has occurred on the ground. President Barack Obama's administration first perceived the Syrian uprising as part of the Arab Spring and

trumpeted Assad's departure from power as necessary and imminent.

The next chapter was the use of chemical weapons, which prompted Washington to demand that Assad step down. That undertaking was neutered when Russia proposed, instead, that Syria be obliged to give up its chemical weapons, which it has more or less done. In the meantime, the U.S. provided humanitarian and nonlethal military aid to allegedly moderate rebels.

Now, Obama is promising that the Syrian rebels new, more lethal aid, as their defeat on the ground has become obvious, and prospects of a negotiated peace stand at zero. It doesn't matter a whole lot unless he belatedly takes America to war in Syria or provokes one or other of the parties to the conflict to initiate terrorist action in the U.S. for revenge.

Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



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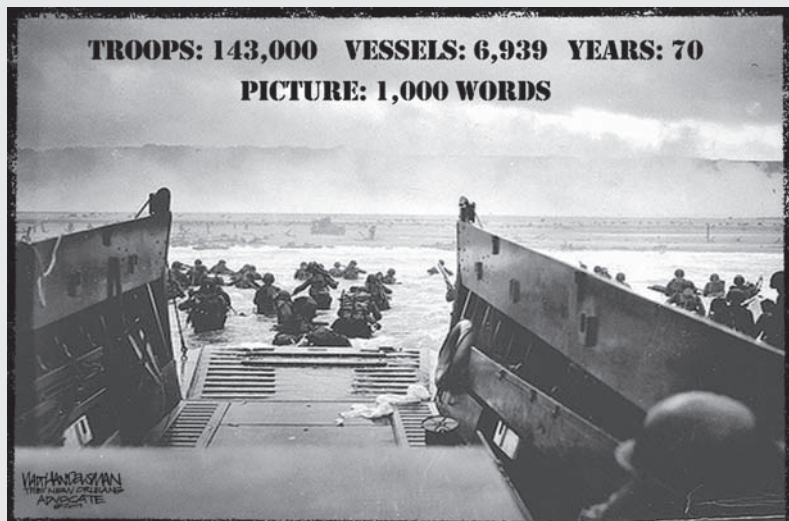


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Singer Austin Mahone — whose new album, *'The Secret,'* was released in May — plans to release a full-length album by November. Mahone will also be touring this summer.

Austin Mahone calls Bieber comparisons 'obnoxious'

BY NICOLE EVATT
The Associated Press

Austin Mahone is over the Justin Bieber comparisons. Like Bieber, Mahone got his start on YouTube and catapulted to teen heartthrob status with his female-centric pop sound and dance moves.

But the 18-year-old says enough is enough.

"I can kind of see where they're coming from, but at the same time, it's kind of obnoxious," he said of the comparisons. "They see a young kid who sings and dances and ... they're like, 'Oh another Justin Bieber.' Like, you don't even know. You don't know me. You don't know my music. You're just making assumptions."

Mahone said he wants people to listen to his music before linking him to Bieber, who has turned into a headline regular for bad behavior after reaching multiplatinum international stardom. Bieber recently apologized after a years-old video surfaced of him telling a racist joke with the N-word.

Mahone is hoping to grab some new fans with his U.S. debut EP, *"The Secret,"* which came in at No. 5 on the Billboard 200 albums chart last week.

"I may not be the best dancer or the best performer right now, but I'm always getting better," he said. "Next year I'll be even better than I am now. And the year after that, I'll just keep getting better."

Mahone, who is signed to Lil Wayne's Cash Money/Young Money imprint, is preparing for a tour in July and hopes to release a full-length album by November.

He describes his music as a mix of pop, R&B, electronic dance music and '90s Backstreet Boys. His album, not surprisingly, focuses mostly on the ladies. And while Mahone hasn't yet fallen in love, he's open to the possibility. "I'm sure when it hits me, it'll hit me."

'Now I know what I'm capable of'

Emily Blunt takes on a tough role in flick 'Edge of Tomorrow'

BY SANDY COHEN
The Associated Press

What's more scary, fighting aliens with Tom Cruise or singing in front of Meryl Streep and Johnny Depp?

Both brought butterflies to Emily Blunt's stomach, which is how the 31-year-old actress knows when to take a role.

"I like asking myself, 'How on Earth am I going to do this?'" Blunt said

as she sipped an iced latte at a coffee shop in Los Angeles.

In her latest film, *"Edge of Tomorrow,"* the lithe British beauty yields big guns — of the biceps and military-style variety — as Rita Vrataski, tasked with turning Cruise's character from a scared pencil pusher to a skilled warrior.

"In these male-fueled genres, it's usually the woman who's holding the

hand of the guy and he's running through explosions leading her, and I wanted to be doing the leading," Blunt said. "This was the extreme idea of what I ever thought I'd want to do."

Her background is in theater — she made her professional debut on a London stage in 2002 opposite Judi Dench. Blunt's big-screen breakthrough came four years later in *"The Devil Wears Prada"* as the chilly magazine assistant who was "just one stomach flip away" from her goal weight. She has since appeared in more than 20 movies.

But none prepared her to be an action star. What did was three months of rigorous training in martial arts, weapons and wire work; and working with Cruise, who famously does his own stunts. ("I didn't want him to be the only one showing off," she laughs.)

Blunt wore a weighted vest to prepare for the 85-pound armored "Exo-Suit" she wears in the film. She nearly broke her nose — demonstrating for

a reporter how the on-set physician

straightened it with a finger in each nostril and a quick, painful shift — and might have permanently damaged her thumb.

The training helped her become Rita, and taught Blunt about herself. "I think it did toughen me up in a big way," she said, "because now I know what I'm capable of."

Director Doug Liman said Blunt's character is the hero of the movie. "Emily's performance is even more impressive when you step back and see that she dominates the screen against the biggest movie star in the world whose character also happens to have a superpower," he said.

Blunt's next role demanded a different sort of bravery: singing on screen. Blunt, Streep and Depp star in Rob Marshall's dark musical fairy tale, *"Into the Woods,"* due in theaters on Christmas Day. She worked with a singing coach to prepare for her role in the Stephen Sondheim adaptation.

Besides training, Blunt draws on her deep love of people to inform the characters she plays. An avid reader, she finds that discovering characters on the page inspires her when she creates them on the screen. "When I choose to play a character, it's because I love that human heartbeat that they have and I've found an 'in' with them," she said.

Disconnecting from Hollywood is part of the process. Blunt recharges at home with her husband, actor John Krasinski, and their 3-month-old daughter, Hazel. The couple likes to entertain, and Blunt cooks Italian dishes, and a few from her homeland ("English food is underrated," she said).

Director Doug Liman said Emily Blunt's character is the hero of the new action movie 'Edge of Tomorrow.'

John Phillips, Invision/AP

Colbert assails Amazon over delayed book shipments

The Associated Press

On one side of a major publishing feud is Amazon.com, the industry's biggest book seller.

On the other side is a leading New York publisher few readers have heard of, Hachette Book Group, and some Hachette authors virtually all readers have heard of: J.K. Rowling, James Patterson, Malcolm Gladwell and, most recently, Stephen Colbert.

Saying that he's not just mad at Amazon, but "mad prime," Colbert assailed the online retailer on his Comedy Central program Wednesday night. Amazon is in a contract dispute with Hachette Book Group and has been delaying shipments for some Hachette books, including for Colbert's *"America Again,"* and removing the pre-order option for Rowling's *"The Silkworm"* (written under her pen name Robert Galbraith) and other upcoming works. Colbert twice flipped his middle finger at Amazon during the show and brought on Sherman

Alexie, a Hachette author who recommended a debut novel that Amazon currently will not sell: Edan Lepucki's *"California."*

Colbert, anxious to prove that he could "sell more books than Amazon," urged viewers to buy *"California"* from Powell's Books in Portland, Ore., one of the country's leading independent booksellers. He also unveiled a sticker, "I didn't buy it from Amazon," that could be downloaded from his website thecolbertreport.com.

Throughout the day Thursday, *"California"* was No. 1 on www.powellsbooks.com.

Amazon and Hachette are reportedly negotiating terms for e-book sales.

Other news

■ It's a rap: The Beastie Boys have won \$1.7 million in a copyright violation case against the maker of Monster Energy drink. Thursday's ruling ended a case in which the two surviving members of the band testified

about their staunch opposition to the use of their music in commercial endorsements.

■ A former aspiring actor and model has drawn his lawsuit alleging a former TV executive sexually abused him during trips to Hawaii in 1999. Attorneys for Michael Egan III filed papers Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Honolulu voluntarily dismissing the case against David Neuman. Neuman, *"X-Men"* director Bryan Singer, producer Gary Goddard and former television executive Garth Ancier were sued by Egan in April under a Hawaii law that suspended the statute of limitations in civil sex abuse cases. All the defendants deny the claims.

■ Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas are ending their 18-year marriage. Griffith filed for divorce Friday in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences for the split. The actors were married in May 1996 and have a 17-year-old daughter together.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Revealing remains

Ancient skeleton may solve mysteries of earliest Americans

By JOEL ACHENBACH

The Washington Post

The divers found her on a ledge, her skull at rest on an arm bone. Ribs and a broken pelvis lay nearby. She was only 15 years old when she wandered into the cave, perhaps in search of water in an era when the Yucatan was parched. In the darkness she must not have seen the enormous pit looming in front of her.

More than 12,000 years later, in 2007, after the seas had risen and the cave system had filled with water, her skull — upside down, teeth remarkably intact — caught the eye of a man in scuba gear.

The divers gave the girl a name: Naia. Her remains may help determine the origins of the earliest Americans and finally solve the mystery of why they looked so dramatically different from the Native Americans of recent millennia.

A paper published recently online in the journal *Science* argues that the discrepancy in appearance between the Paleoamericans and later Native Americans is most likely the result of recent and relatively rapid human evolution — and not the result of subsequent migrations of people into the Americas.

Tests on samples of mitochondrial DNA, or mtDNA, taken from Naia show that she has a genetic marker common today across the Americas, one that scientists say evolved in a prehistoric population that had been isolated for thousands of years in Beringia, the land mass between Alaska and Siberia that formed a bridge between the continents during the ice

ages.

Thus, according to the new report, the Native Americans and the Paleoamericans are the same people; they just look different because of evolutionary changes.

"This is truly an extraordinary discovery," said Yemane Asmerom, a University of New Mexico geochemist who is a co-author of the new report. He compared the cave, known as Hoyo Negro ("black hole"), to the Awash Valley of Ethiopia — the site of the 1974 discovery of "Lucy," an early human ancestor.

Most scientists have assumed that the first humans to come to the Americas crossed over from Eurasia across the Bering land bridge that existed before the oceans rose after the ice ages. But there is great debate about whether that represented a single migratory event or multiple pulses of people from different parts of Eurasia and via different routes, including a coastal migration. One maverick theory, based on archeological finds, contends that people came from Europe, following the edge of the ice around the North Atlantic.

Adding to the mystery is that the Paleoamericans, such as Naia, don't look like later Native Americans. Naia had a small, projecting face, with narrow cheekbones, wide-set eyes and a prominent forehead. Her profile would resemble that of an African more than a Native American, said James Chatters, an independent researcher based in Washington state and the lead author of the new paper.

That distinct morphology is most famously found in the "Kennewick Man," a 9,000-year-old skeleton discovered two decades ago along the Columbia River in Washington state. Facial reconstruction resulted in someone who looked a bit like the actor Patrick Stewart ("Star Trek," "The X-Men"). Scientists theorized that he could have been related to populations in East Asia that spread along the coast and eventually colonized Polynesia; modern Native Americans may have descended from a separate migratory population, under that scenario.

"For 20 years, I've been trying to understand why the early people looked different," Chatters said. "The morphology of the later people is so different from the early ones that they don't appear to be part of the same population."

He went on: "Do they come from different parts of the world? This comes back with the answer, probably not."

One of the co-authors of the paper, Deborah Bolnick, an anthropologist at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, said the new genetic tests support the hypothesis of a single ancestral population for Native Americans:

"It's a lineage that we see across the Americas, and a variety of different studies, different lines of evidence over several decades — archeological studies, genetic studies, morphological studies — all suggest that Native Americans can be traced to a Beringian source population," she said. Douglas Owsley, a forensic anthropologist at the

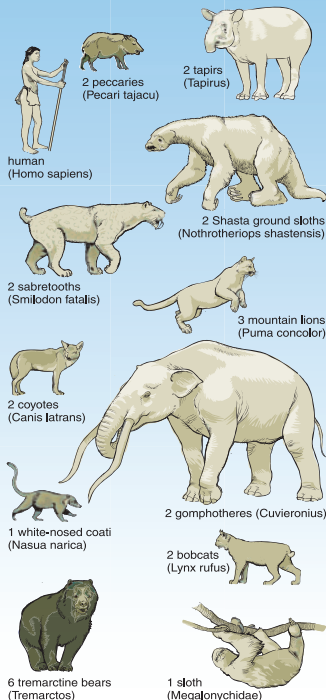
Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and a leading expert on Kennewick Man, cautioned that the new study is based on "a sample of one." He said he hadn't read the new paper — titled "Late Pleistocene Human Skeleton and mtDNA Link Paleoamericans and Modern Native Americans" — and would like to see more genetic evidence to bolster the report's central hypothesis. When there is a rapid change in the appearance of a population, he said, "I have to think you're talking about migrations and people coming in."

But he added, "I think it's a great discovery."

Three divers explored the Hoyo Negro cave, which is just a few miles from the ocean, in 2007. When Naia (named for a mythical Greek "water nymph") was alive, the cave network would have been dry but for ephemeral pools. Now it is entirely flooded, the water mostly fresh.

HER MAMMALIAN COMPANIONS

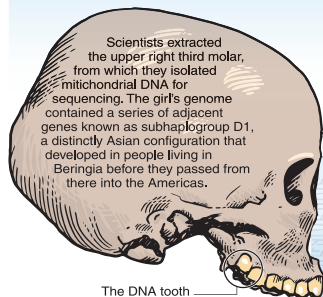
Along with her skeleton are the remains of at least 26 large mammals, many of which are now extinct.



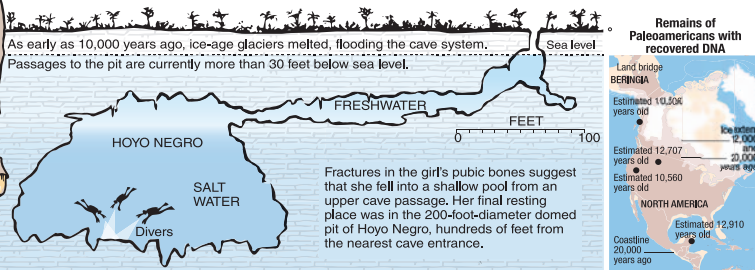
Paleoamerican remains found in the Yucatan

In pre-Mayan Mexico, a slender, buck-toothed 15- or 16-year-old girl fell into a flooded, underground cavern almost 13,000 years ago. She was a Paleoamerican, with features more akin to Africans and Southeast Asians than modern Native Americans. DNA collected from one of her molars reveals a direct connection to the people who crossed the Bering Straits from Siberia more than 18,000 years ago. The discovery greatly extends the range of DNA information for Paleoamericans.

THE DNA TRUTH IS IN THE TEETH



The skeleton was found in Hoyo Negro, a Yucatan cave far to the southeast of other ancient American remains from which DNA has been analyzed.



MILITARY



Eager Lion 2014

US completes large-scale Middle East exercise, even with amphibious

By HENDRICK SIMOES
Stars and Stripes

AQABA, Jordan — Although officials insist the annual multinational Eager Lion exercise that ended here Sunday was unrelated to sectarian violence across Jordan's borders, regional tensions nonetheless affected the course of the two-week exercise.

Just days after the exercise began, the USS Bataan was ordered to the coast of Libya to be ready for a possible evacuation of U.S. personnel amid escalating fighting there.

Officials said the ship's departure had minimal impact on the exercise.

"Bataan's departure was demonstrative of the inherent flexibility of our amphibious forces," Brig. Gen. Gregg Olson, commander of Task Force 51/59 and in charge of the amphibious forces deployed to U.S. 5th Fleet, said in an interview with Stars and Stripes.

Other units were retasked to assume different roles, and other nations stepped up to fill the gaps.

"I had no doubt that we were going to be able to do Eager Lion as close to originally planned as we were able to," Olson said.

The ship left a significant portion of its embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit Marines and equipment in Jordan to continue the exercise, and many were left wondering how they would get back to the ship.

Olson said some would board other ships, others would be flown out and the



First Lt. Chad Wilson communicates with U.S. Marine ground units from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit during rehearsal for a combat power demonstration in Jebel Petra, Jordan, on Wednesday.

equipment, which includes light armored and amphibious assault vehicles, would be loaded onto the USS Gunston Hall.

The 22-nation exercise involving more than 12,000 personnel, about half of them American, took place amid the backdrop of escalating sectarian violence in neighboring Syria and Iraq. However, officials said the exercise, now in its fourth year, was not connected to any potential increase in U.S. assistance to the Syrian opposition, which President Barack Obama said in a recent foreign policy speech he would work with Congress on.

Jordan, a longtime U.S. ally, is seen as potentially vul-



First Lt. Joshua Harvey, platoon commander of a 22nd MEU artillery battery, talks about Jordanian customs and traditions with Maj. Mohamed al-Qadre, commander of a Jordanian artillery battery, on Wednesday.

nerable with the civil war raging next door in Syria. After last year's Eager Lion exercise, the U.S. deployed F-16 fighter-bombers and Patriot missile interceptors to Jordan to boost its military capabilities. Some of the personnel from those units participated in this year's exercise, but officials said there were no plans to leave any additional resources behind this time.

Officials emphasized that the purpose of the exercise was to improve coordination and cooperation.

In one demonstration to the media and civilian observers in a remote desert area, U.S. and Jordanian forces conducted a massive live-fire demonstration of a counterattack on an enemy position using close air support from various



A Jordanian servicemember, Dominic Pitrone, a customs officer, interacts with a U.S. Marine during the exercise. Then they spent time exchanging stories.

nations. In another, at a Jordanian port, U.S. and Jordanian Special Forces teams demonstrated how they would board a hijacked ferry and conduct operations on a target ashore.

"There was true cooperation was fostered over days of training together, overcoming the privations of the field in concert with each other, the great piece of geography by the sea and the airspace available to our partner nations."

Interacting with the Jordanians was a highlight for American ser-

To see a live-fire demonstration from Eager Lion 2014, go to stripes.com/go/eagerlion2014



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Amphibious forces stretched



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PHOTOS BY HENDRICK SIMOES/Stars and Stripes

U.S. Marines from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit get dirty riding on a light armored vehicle in Jordan's desert during exercise Eager Lion on Wednesday.

"Even though we can't speak the same language, we kind of speak the common language of our field," said 1st Lt. Joshua Harvey, platoon commander of a 22nd MEU artillery battery. His unit spent three days with a Jordanian artillery battery. During that time he and members of his unit even learned a celebratory Bedouin dance called Hejeni, that is customary at weddings.

Harvey believes the interactions to be a worthwhile investment, even though it may be a different unit involved next time.

"If they have good experiences with us now, they will remember that when future operations happen," he said.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Jobs recovery is leaving many behind

By Josh Boak
and Christopher S. Rugaber
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy has finally regained the jobs lost to the Great Recession. But go easy on the hallelujahs. The comeback is far from complete.

Friday's report from the government revealed an economy healing yet marked by deep and lasting scars. The downturn that began 6½ years ago accelerated wrenching changes that have left many Americans feeling worse off than they did the last time the economy had roughly the same number of jobs it does now.

Employers added 217,000 workers in May, more than enough to surpass the 138.4 million jobs that existed when the recession began in December 2007. But even as the unemployment rate has slipped to 6.3 percent from 10 percent at the depth of the recession, the economy still lacks its

former firepower.

To many economists, the job figures are both proof of the sustained recovery and evidence of a painful transformation in how Americans earn a living.

"The labor market recovery has been disappointing," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services. "Even with the new peak, there is still a great deal of slack."

There are still 1.49 million construction jobs missing. Factories have 1.65 million fewer workers. Many of these jobs have been permanently replaced by new technologies: robots, software and advanced equipment that speeds productivity and requires less manpower, said Patrick O'Keefe, director of economic research for the advisory and consulting firm CohnReznick.

"When heavy things need to be moved, we now have machines to do it," O'Keefe said. "It is unlikely in the manufacturing sector that we recover much of the losses."

Government payrolls have shrunk, taking middle class pay with them. Local school districts have 255,400 fewer employees. The U.S. Postal Service has shed 194,700 employees.

And during the economic recovery, more people have left the job market than entered it. Just 58.9 percent of working-age Americans have jobs, down from 62.7 percent at the start of the recession.

Some of that decline comes from an aging country in which more people are retiring. But the share of working adults among the overall population is "still bouncing around at the bottom where it was during the worst of the recession"—evidence that meaningful wage gains across the economy are unlikely, O'Keefe said.

The recovery hasn't kept up with the expanding U.S. population. Researchers at the liberal Economic Policy Institute estimate that 7 million more jobs would have been needed to keep

up with population growth.

The pain has been concentrated largely among lower- and middle-income workers, according to an analysis by the institute.

For the bottom 30 percent of earners, wages, when adjusted for inflation, have fallen over the past 14 years. For the next 40 percent of earners, pay basically flatlined.

Most U.S. workers are "running up the down escalator," said Larry Mishel, the institute's president.

Median household income is \$52,959, which, after inflation, is \$3,303 below its pre-recession level, according to Sentier Research.

Three generally low-paying industries account for more than one-third of the job gains in the recovery: restaurants and bars; temporary staffing; and retail, according to research by the National Employment Law Project. Pay in those sectors averages under \$13.34 per hour.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (June 9)	\$1.4098
Dollar buys (June 9)	€0.7139
British pound (\$1 June 9)	£1.72
Japanese yen (June 9)	¥100.00
South Korean won (June 9)	₩997.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
Brazil (Real)	\$1.6786/0.5957
Canada (Dollar)	1.0945
China (Yuan)	6.2503
Denmark (Krone)	5.4738
Egypt (Pound)	7.1516
Euro	\$1.3632/0.7336
Hong Kong (Dollar)	1.7527
Hungary (Forint)	222.18
Israel (Shekel)	3.4614
Japan (Yen)	102.58
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2819
Norway (Krone)	5.9685
Philippines (Peso)	43.51
Poland (Zloty)	3.302
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7208
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2518
South Korea (Won)	1,018.50
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8947
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.52
Turkey (New Lira)	2,0830

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., those for the United States), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to the dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	7.50
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.44

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Tex	86	70	Cir	Chatanooga	88	67	Cir	Fort Wayne	80	56	PCldy	Louisville	83	64	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	76	59	Cir	Chicago	73	51	PCldy	Fort Reno	107	74	Cir	Lubbock	80	63	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	62	42	Cir	Cincinnati	89	59	PCldy	Grand Rapids	78	56	PCldy	Macon	91	70	PCldy
Albuquerque	86	61	PCldy	Cleveland	74	60	Cir	Green Bay	78	56	PCldy	Medford	87	56	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	76	61	Rain	Colorado Springs	68	44	Cir	Great Falls	78	50	PCldy	Memphis	84	68	Rain
Anchorage	79	60	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	92	71	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	87	63	Cir	Miami Beach	90	75	PCldy
Asheville	82	60	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	79	59	PCldy	Hartford	77	63	Rain	Midland-Odessa	87	69	PCldy
Atlanta	88	70	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	85	56	PCldy	Hartford	77	63	Rain	Midvale	66	49	Cir
Atlantic City	79	60	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	82	77	PCldy	Helena	80	47	PCldy	Missoula	78	49	PCldy
Austin	88	70	Cir	Dallas-Ft. Worth	86	70	Rain	Honolulu	87	75	Cir	Mobile	76	52	Cir
Baltimore	80	65	Rain	Dayton	78	58	PCldy	Houston	90	76	Cir	Montgomery	92	72	Cir
Baton Rouge	88	73	PCldy	Daytona Beach	90	71	Cir	Huntsville	86	67	Cir	Nashville	85	65	Cir
Bilings	82	50	PCldy	Denver	72	48	Cir	Indianapolis	79	59	Cir	New Orleans	87	74	PCldy
Birmingham	89	71	Cir	Des Moines	73	59	Cir	Jacksonville	90	71	Cir	New York City	75	64	Cir
Bismarck	75	45	Cir	Detroit	77	56	PCldy	Jacksonville	92	70	Rain	Newark	77	64	Cir
Boston	89	53	Cir	Duluth	89	49	Cir	Juneau	56	47	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	84	67	Cir
Boston	79	63	PCldy	El Paso	96	72	Cir	Kansas City	72	61	Rain	North Platte	70	50	Cir
Bridgeport	82	62	Cir	Elkins	75	60	Cir	Knoxville	86	66	Cir	Oklahoma City	67	67	Rain
Brownsville	91	78	PCldy	Erie	71	62	Cir	Lake Charles	89	75	Cir	Omaha	71	61	Rain
Buffalo	78	60	Cir	Eugene	74	50	PCldy	Lake Charles	89	75	Cir	Orlando	94	74	PCldy
Burlington, Vt.	84	60	PCldy	Evansville	80	64	Cir	Lansing	77	55	PCldy	Padsuah	81	65	Cir
Caribou, Maine	78	58	PCldy	Fairbanks	69	49	Cir	Las Vegas	107	79	Cir	Pendleton	84	56	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	77	39	Cir	Fargo	74	51	Cir	Lexington	81	61	Cir	Phoenix	85	69	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	90	70	Cir	Flagstaff	84	43	Cir	Lincoln	70	60	Rain	Philadelphia	80	63	Rain
Charlotte, N.C.	82	63	Cir	Flint	77	52	PCldy	Little Rock	83	67	Cir	Phoenix	109	78	Cir
				Fort Smith	78	67	Rain	Los Angeles	81	65	Cir	Pittsburgh	75	61	Cir

National temperature extremes
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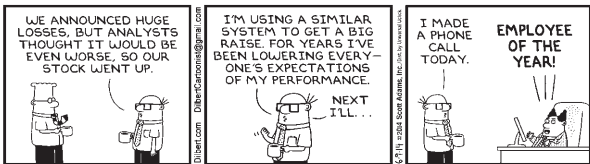
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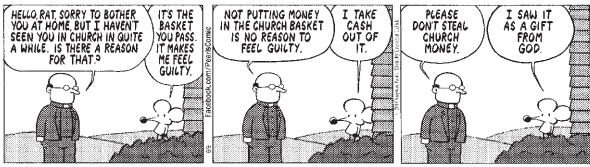
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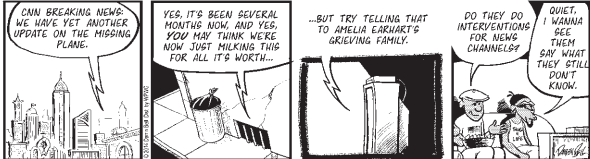
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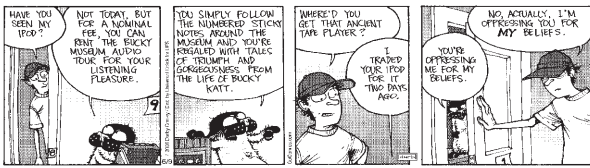
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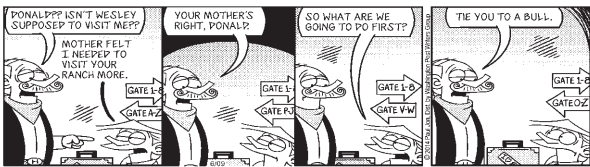
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Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (5) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chvrolet
2. (3) Will Power, Dallara-Chvrolet
248. Running.
4. (4) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chvrolet
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5. (7) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Honda
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6. (3) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chvrolet
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7. (11) Mikhail Alekhin, Dallara-Honda
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8. (20) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Chvrolet
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9. (15) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chvrolet
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10. (21) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda
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11. (2) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Honda
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12. (23) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda
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13. (10) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda
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14. (9) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda
244. Running.
15. (20) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda
244. Running.
16. (23) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda
244. Running.
17. (19) Sebastian Saavedra, Dallara-Chvrolet
244. Running.
18. (16) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda
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19. (12) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda
238. Mechanical.
20. (18) Sebastian Bourdais, Dallara-Chvrolet
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21. (25) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Honda
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22. (26) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda
218. Contact.
23. (27) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda
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Race Statistics
Winners average speed: 178.301.
Time of Race: 2:01:25.5758.
Margin of Victory: 0.247 seconds.
Caution: 3 for 23 laps.

Lap Leaders: Power 1-56, Montoya 57-69, 72-99, Montoya 100-102, Carpenter 103-125, Power 126-170, Carpenter 171, Montoya 172-177, Power 178-181, Carpenter 182-212, Power 213, Carpenter 214-248.
Poles: Power 370, Castroneves 331, Hunter-Reay 310, Pagenaud 279, Andretti 225, Munoz 227, Montoya 223, Dixon 214, Kanaan 189, Wilson 182.

College baseball

NCAA super regionals

Best-of-three; 1st necessary
Host school is Game 1 home team; visiting school is Game 2 home team; coin-flip determines Game 3 home team.
Friday: Louisville 5, Tennessee State 3
Saturday: Louisville 7, Tennessee State 4
Monday: Louisville 10, Tennessee State 4
At Nashville, Tenn.
Friday: Vanderbilt 11, Stanford 6
Saturday: Stanford 5, Vanderbilt 4
Sunday: Stanford (35-25) at Vanderbilt (45-19)

At Stillwater, Okla.
Friday: UC Irvine 8, Oklahoma State 4
Saturday: UC Irvine 1, Oklahoma State 4
Sunday: UC Irvine advances

At Austin, Texas
Friday: Texas 4, Houston 2
Saturday: Texas 4, Houston 0, Texas advances

At Charlottesville, Va.
Sunday: Maryland 5, Virginia 4
Saturday: Maryland (40-21) vs. Virginia (47-14)

X-Monday: Maryland vs. Virginia

At Lafayette, La.
Sunday: Louisiana-Lafayette 9, Mississippi 5

Sunday: Mississippi (44-19) at Louisiana-Lafayette (58-8)

X-Monday: Mississippi vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

At Fort Worth, Texas
Sunday: TCU 3, Texas 2
Sunday: Pepperdine (42-17) vs. TCU (46-15)

At Lubbock, Texas
Sunday: Texas Tech 1, College of Charleston 0

Sunday: College of Charleston (44-18) vs. Texas Tech (44-19)

X-Monday: College of Charleston vs. Texas Tech

Soccer

World Cup 2014

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Brazil	0	0	0	0 0 0
Cameroon	0	0	0	0 0 0
Croatia	0	0	0	0 0 0
Mexico	0	0	0	0 0 0

Thursday, June 12
At Sao Paulo

Friday, June 13
At Natal, Brazil

At Fortaleza, Brazil

At Rio de Janeiro

At Porto Alegre, Brazil

At Manaus, Brazil

At Curitiba, Brazil

At Recife, Brazil

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WORLD CUP

Altidore scores twice in US send-off win

Forward ends scoring drought just in time; Klinsmann calls it 'a wonderful message'

By MARK LONG

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jozy Altidore insists his six-month scoreless streak never bothered him.

No sleepless nights. No feelings of frustration. Not even a bit of worry it would stretch into the World Cup.

His coach believes otherwise. Whatever the case, Altidore and the United States won't have to deal with that story line in Brazil.

Altidore scored a pair of goals to lead the United States over Nigeria 2-1 Saturday night in the Americans' World Cup send-off match.

Altidore tapped in Fabian Johnson's cross in the 31st minute on a play that started with an Alejandro Bedoya run, stopping a 27-match scoreless streak for club and country with his first goal since Dec. 4 for Sunderland against Chelsea.

"To be honest, it makes no difference," Altidore said. "I don't know if it's weird to you, but it's not weird to me. I've played for this team for such a long time that I think it's my responsibility to kind of help the team in other ways, tracking back and just being somebody now that the other guys can look up to. And I take that very seriously."

He doubled the lead in the 68th, running onto Michael Bradley's looping 30-yard pass over the defense. Altidore took a touch with each foot as he cut inside of Nigeria captain Joseph Yobo, then beat goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama to the near post with a right-footed shot from 12 yards for his 23rd international goal.

"The second goal was world class, no doubt about it," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "You heard the other coaches of the last friendships, especially the Turkish coach who said, 'This



JOHN RAOUX/AP

United States' Jozy Altidore, left, sends a shot past Nigeria's Joseph Yobo, right, to score a goal during the second half of a Saturday's match in Jacksonville, Fla. The Americans won 2-1.

[guy] is a handful.' Hopefully we can keep him as a handful going down to Brazil now."

Klinsmann stopped short of calling Altidore's performance a much-needed boost but said it was "a wonderful message" and gave the player "a big smile at the right time now."

"I think it will give him a lot of confidence," Klinsmann said. "It's always a tough period when you don't score for a striker. And everybody around you lets you know that. You get more and more anxious about the situation. ... You work harder and harder, which he did the last three-and-

a-half weeks in camp. ... And then you just wish, you know, that the moment comes and you put it in there and you go start to be your old self again.

"But you've got to go through that working process. That's what I always told him, 'You're not getting it for free. You've got to go and work for it.' He got sharper and sharper, fitter and fitter. We knew that if he gets the chances, he will put one in."

The U.S. was undefeated in its send-off series for the first time since it started in 2002, beating the African champions following a 2-0 victory over Azerbaijan and

a 2-1 win over Turkey.

Making their seventh straight World Cup appearance, the Americans head to Brazil on Sunday night and open June 16 against Ghana, the team that eliminated them from the past two tournaments. They follow with games against fourth-ranked Portugal and second-ranked Germany.

Tim Howard made his 100th international appearance, becoming the 15th American male to reach the century mark and tying Tony Meola for second-most appearances by a U.S. goalkeeper, two behind Kasey Keller.

Victor Moses converted an

86th-minute penalty kick for Nigeria after he was knocked over in the penalty area by Matt Besler.

A crowd of 52,033 watched an exhibition that began with an 84-degree temperature and 65 percent humidity that should be similar to the climate in Brazil.

Altidore's confidence had been a subject of debate since the team started training at Stanford, Calif., in mid-May. A year after he scored 31 goals for AZ Alkmaar in the Netherlands and set a season record for an American with a European club, he scored just twice for Sunderland.

It was his first multigoal game since a hat trick in an exhibition against Bosnia-Herzegovina last August, part of an American record five-game scoring streak that ended a 19-month stretch with an international goal.

"He's our horse. We've made no bones about that. It's no secret," Howard said. "We have to ride him. He has to put us on his back and score some goals for us. He's shown he can score goals in bunches for us. Jozy is just fantastic. He just shows how he can turn it on."

Klinsmann inserted midfielder Kyle Beckerman into the starting lineup alongside Jermaine Jones for the first time since the clinching September qualifier against Mexico. Initially a 4-2-3-1 formation, it shifted as Beckerman remained at the base of a midfield diamond at times, with Jones pushing wide left alongside Bradley in the center and Clint Dempsey on the right.

Bedoya, who started last month's 2-0 win over Azerbaijan and was replaced by Brad Davis for last weekend's 2-1 victory over Turkey, was back in the lineup. Graham Zusi joined Davis on the bench.

DaMarcus Beasley returned at left back in place of Timmy Chandler, who started against the Turks.

Brazil unlikely to change lineup for Cup opener

By TALES AZZONI

The Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Luiz Felipe Scolari is unlikely to change Brazil's starting lineup for the World Cup opener despite struggling in its final warm-up matches.

Scolari said adjustments need to be made to the squad after lackluster performances in the warm-up matches, but he will probably keep the same lineup for the inaugural match against Croatia on Thursday in Sao Paulo.

Brazil didn't play well in a 4-0 win over Panama on Tuesday and also struggled in the 1-0 victory over Serbia on Friday, when the crowd loudly jeered the team.

The coach was annoyed when asked about the poor performance of Chelsea playmaker Oscar and rejected bowing to public pressure, saying Scolari is "the one who decides who is going to play."

Scolari has constantly said he will start the tournament with the same lineup that won last year's Confederations Cup, but questions were raised recently after a few disappointing training sessions and struggles against Panama and Serbia.

'I don't care who says that [Oscar] is not playing well. I decide who is going to play, that's what I'm paid for.'

Luiz Felipe Scolari
Brazil coach

Brazil had a bad start against Panama and only improved after a free kick goal by Neymar midway through the first half. On Friday, the team was loudly jeered by the nearly 70,000 fans who packed the Morumbi Stadium.

The biggest doubt is about midfielder Oscar, who was substituted by Chelsea teammate Willian on Friday. Willian also replaced Oscar in practice when the player left the squad for the birth of his daughter earlier this week.

After being asked about a possible change in the team because of Oscar's lackluster performance against Serbia, Scolari abruptly interrupted a reporter to say he wasn't going to be affected by the opinions of outsiders. Oscar has also been dropped several times this season by Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho after below-par performances.

"I'm the one who decides who is going to play," Scolari said. "I don't care who says that he is not playing well. I decide who is going to play, that's what I'm paid for."

Although changes for the opener are unlikely, the coach kept the possibility open for the rest of the tournament.

"I have good options," he said "I have great players on this group. I know that if there are any difficulties I can make a change and the players coming in will perform well. It's not only Willian I can use, I can use anybody in this group."

Oscar admitted there were "too many people" questioning him and talking about Willian, but said he was "not bothered" by it.

"I'm not playing my best football yet, but hopefully I can show what I can do during the World Cup," Oscar said. "It's not one friendly that is going to be responsible for me losing my spot on the team."

Brazilian players were given the day off Saturday and will return to practice on Sunday.

"I told the players to enjoy this break as much as possible," Scolari said. "Because after this the focus will be only on the national team and the World Cup."

NBA/COLLEGE BASEBALL

Spurs, Heat view shooting threes as necessary evil

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The teams with the best three-point percentage so far in these playoffs are San Antonio and Miami, so it might seem logical to think that the Spurs and Heat love the long-range game.

It would also be wrong. "I hate it," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said of the three.

"We are not just a perimeter team," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra insisted.

Love it or hate it, the Spurs and Heat know how to use it, anyway. The three-point is getting fired more than ever these days, and there's some easy correlations to draw between San Antonio and Miami being good from long range and being the last two teams standing on the NBA playoff bracket for the second straight year.

San Antonio — which was the league's most accurate team from three-point range during the regular season, the third time in four years that it's held that distinction — is shooting an NBA-best 40 percent from beyond the arc so far in the playoffs. Miami is right behind the Spurs, shooting 39.7 percent.

"To me it's not basketball, but you've got to use it," Popovich said Saturday. "If you don't use it, you're in big trouble. But you sort of feel like it's cheating. You know, like two points, that's what you get when you make a basket. Now you get three, so you've got to deal with it. I don't think there's anybody who is not dealing with it."

He's right. It's an absolute staple of the NBA game now, more than ever.

Teams shot just under 53,000 three-pointers this season, smashing the NBA yearlong record set last season by nearly 4,000 attempts. It's becoming nearly as prevalent as the free throw; teams shot 1.09 free throws for every three-point attempt this season, as opposed to the 1.62:1 ratio in that department merely a decade ago.

"Pop's a pretty smart guy," said Spurs guard Danny Green, who set a record for most threes made during a Finals series a year ago against the Heat. "Even though he hates it, he knows it's a thing that you need to be successful in this league."

So Popovich studied the numbers, as has Spoelstra, as has everyone else in the league. The corner three-point — like the Ray Allen one that kept San Antonio from winning the title last season — is all the rage in the NBA these days, and it's a huge part of the game plans drawn up in San Antonio and Miami.

"The analytics, people really study that stuff now, stuff is broken down that I don't even un-

derstand," said Atlanta's Kyle Korver, one of the league's best three-point shooters. "I think it is practiced more, it is shot more efficiently than it was 10, 20 years ago. It has just become a real weapon. Every team needs it with the way the NBA is going. ... So much of the game is about spacing. And to have good spacing you've got to have good shooting."

The Spurs and Heat have both. San Antonio was 13-for-25 from three-point range in Game 1; Miami was 12-for-29. A year ago the teams combined for 298 three-point tries in their seven-game series; at their current pace, they'd fire off 378 if this series also goes the maximum distance.

"I'm sure Pop doesn't like it, but he understands it. There's a difference," Miami forward Shane Battier said. "You don't have to love everything that you do. There's a reason why they're No. 1 in valuing the corner three over the last 10 years. Even though he may not like it, he values it."

The same can be said for the Heat on the value-it front.

In the first two seasons of the LeBron James-Dwyane Wade-Chris Bosh era in Miami, the Heat shot 17.4 three-pointers per game, shooting just under 36 percent. Over the last two seasons, they've shot more and better — 22.1 threes per game, and a snidge over 38 percent.

Spoelstra, in a word, said "pain" of losing the finals in 2011 forced the change in approach.

"We had to make some adjustments offensively," Spoelstra said. "We are not just a perimeter team, we just do it often times inverted, where our perimeter players are in the paint and sometimes our bigs are outside. I've talked about it ad nauseum. We had to look at our team and personnel in a different lens, and it required change. Otherwise it was going to be pain again."

Scoreboard

NBA Finals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

San Antonio 1, Miami 0

San Antonio, 10 p.m. ET/9:35

Sunday: at San Antonio

Thursday: at Miami

x-Sunday, June 15: at San Antonio

x-Tuesday, June 17: at Miami

x-Friday, June 20: at San Antonio



Game 3

San Antonio at Miami

AFN-Sports

3 a.m. Wednesday CET

10 a.m. Wednesday JKT



Sue Osocki/AP

UC Irvine catcher Jerry McClanahan, left, pitcher Andrew Morales, center, first baseman Connor Spencer (33) and third baseman Taylor Sparks, right, celebrate after advancing to the College World Series by beating Oklahoma State in the super regional in Stillwater, Okla., on Saturday.

Super regionals roundup

UC Irvine continues its run

Louisville, Texas also advance to Omaha; Virginia drops opener

The Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — No underdog. No Cinderella team.

UC Irvine realizes it's on a terrific run, but the Anteaters don't need any such labels. They just keep on winning.

Andrew Morales pitched a five-hit shutout to lead UC Irvine to a 1-0 victory over Oklahoma State on Saturday night that clinched the super regional series and sent the Anteaters to the College World Series.

UC Irvine (40-23) advanced to Omaha for first time since 2007 and just the second time overall since becoming a Division I program in 2002.

The two-game sweep continues an unlikely run for the Anteaters, who entered the Corvallis regional last week as the No. 3 seed having lost six straight and eight in nine. But they upset national No. 1 seed Oregon State to advance.

"In those eight losses, we were on the other side of this type of game five times," UC Irvine coach Mike Gillespie said. "A loss is a loss, but the fact is, we did play well and we really pitched well. So the fact that we've done well (since), it's really not as big a shock as it looks like, because our pitching has really given us chances time after time."

Morales earned his third postseason victory in eight days, striking out eight and walking two in nine innings. The Anteaters scored the game's only run in the first inning on Jonathan Munoz's RBI double, and Morales made it stand.

"Just execute pitches, keep the ball down and they can't hurt you," said Morales, who recorded wins over UNLV and Oregon State in the regionals and is now 11-2 on the year. "I trusted my curveball today and my slider. Those have been my two best pitches all year. It was a great game to be a part of."

It was a disappointing ending for Oklahoma State (48-18), which was hosting a super regional for the first time and seeking its first trip to the College World Series since 1999.

Louisville 7, Kennesaw St. 4: Louisville coach Dan McDonnell only recently installed freshman Nick Solak as his everyday designated hitter. Even then, it was just to get the freshman some regular at-bats.

Well, on the strength of Solak's bat, the Cardinals

are heading back to Omaha.

Solak's two-run homer in the fifth inning propelled the Cardinals in the NCAA super regionals, clinching Louisville's second straight College World Series berth and third in seven years.

Solak finished Saturday's game 1-for-3 with three RBIs, and was 4-for-7 with a home run, two doubles and six RBIs in two super regional games. He had the go-ahead hit for the Cardinals in both wins.

"It felt like we needed a spark there in the three-hole, and he's done a really nice job," McDonnell said. "We're really happy for him."

The Owls (40-24) finished their season having won 26 of their last 30 games. Kennesaw State had not lost consecutive games since April 4-5 before being swept out of the super regional.

Texas 4, Houston 0: C.J. Hinofiosa drove in two runs and Parker French pitched six scoreless innings as host Texas advanced to the College World Series.

The Longhorns (43-19) are headed to Omaha for the 35th time, more than any other school, after missing the NCAA tournament altogether the previous two years.

Texas will face California-Irvine. The first game in Omaha would be on June 14.

Longhorns center fielder Mark Payton had a single and two walks to extend his streak of reaching base to 101 games.

French (6-5) allowed five hits and walked two. He did not strike out anybody, struggling at times with long pitch counts.

"I wasn't going to let these guys down today," French said. "It was just pure will power, pitching for my teammates."

Maryland 5, Virginia 4: At Charlottesville, Va., Jake Stinnett pitched six solid innings, Brandon Lowe had two RBIs and Maryland won the opener of an NCAA super regional over the highest seed remaining in the tournament.

The Terrapins (40-21) moved one win from advancing to their first College World Series in program history.

"I'm very happy for our guys and everybody in our program to be able to come here and play the way we did, perform the way we did against a very, very good team in a very tough environment," Maryland coach John Szefc said.

STANLEY CUP FINALS/AUTO RACING



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Los Angeles Kings celebrate Dustin Brown's game-winning goal in the second overtime as New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, left, looks on in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Finals on Saturday in Los Angeles. The Kings won 5-4 to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 series. Game 3 is Monday in New York.

Comeback Kings do it again

LA rallies from 2-goal deficit to stun Rangers in 2 OTs

By GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If the Los Angeles Kings ever looked down from the tightrope they're walking in the NHL playoffs, they would surely fall.

Three straight games with multi-goal deficits, including a 4-2 hole late in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup finals. Three straight overtime contests, the result hanging on every shift.

Captain Dustin Brown redirected Mitchell's shot 10:26 into the second overtime and the Los Angeles Kings outlasted the New York Rangers 5-4 to take a 2-0 series lead.

Marian Gaborik tied it with 12:24 left in regulation for the Kings, who rallied from another two-goal deficit in their latest exhibition of clutch hockey made simple — or at least that's how it looks to Staples Center fans who can't believe the Kings' preternatural poise.

Willie Mitchell realizes the Kings are on a perilous path, but they haven't fallen off yet. He also knows they're two wins away from raising the Cup again.

"It's not the place we want to be, to have to climb out all the time," Mitchell said. "Sooner or later, it is going to bite you. I guess that's the great part about it is we find a way to battle back. We've got some work to do again."

Game 3 is Monday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

While the Rangers lamented a missed opportunity and cried foul on Los Angeles' third goal, the Kings prepared for a cross-country trip after another demonstration of the resilience that got them through three straight Game 7 victories this spring.

Scoreboard

Stanley Cup finals	
(Best-of-7; x if necessary)	
Los Angeles 2, N.Y. Rangers 0	
Los Angeles 1, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT	
Saturday: Los Angeles 5, N.Y. Rangers 4, 2 OT	
Monday: at N.Y. Rangers	
Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers	
Friday: at Los Angeles	
Monday, June 16: at N.Y. Rangers	
Wednesday, June 18: at Los Angeles	

Saturday	
Kings 5, Rangers 4 (2OT)	
N.Y. Rangers	2 2 0 0 0-4
Los Angeles	0 2 2 0 1-5
First Period —1. N.Y. Rangers, McDonagh 4 (D.Moore), 10:48. 2. N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 5 (McDonagh, Brassard), 18:46.	
Second Period —3. Los Angeles, Stoll 3 (Williams, King), 1:46. 4. N.Y. Rangers, St. Louis 7 (Steenen, Kreider), 11:24 (pp). 5. Los Angeles, Mitchell 1 (Vovnov, Williams), 14:39 (pp). 6. N.Y. Rangers, Brassard 6 (Zuccarello), 14:50.	
Third Period —7. Los Angeles, King 3 (Greene, Williams), 1:58. 8. Los Angeles, Gaborik 13, 7:36.	
Second Overtime —9. Los Angeles, Brown 5 (Mitchell, Kopitar), 10:26.	
Shots on goal —N.Y. Rangers 10-12-7-8-1-38. Los Angeles 9-11-12-6-4-44.	
Power-play opportunities —N.Y. Rangers 1 of 5; Los Angeles 4 of 4.	
Goalies —N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 12-9-0 (64 shots-39 saves). Los Angeles, Quick 14-9-0 (38-34).	
A=18,532 (18,118). T=4:10.	

Dwight King kicked off the Kings' comeback with a debated goal early in the third. Jarret Stoll also scored for Los Angeles, which rallied from a two-goal

deficit for the fourth time in five games.

"We're getting used to it, I guess," Kings defenseman Jake Muzzin said. "I don't know. You just battle. You're in the zone. You're playing and having fun. That's what it is about, winning games in the playoffs and battling in overtime."

The Kings traded scoring chances with New York in two nail-biting overtime periods before Mitchell teed up a long shot. Brown deflected it under Henrik Lundqvist's glove arm, ending the longest finals game in Rangers history and nearly the longest playoff game in Kings history.

Lundqvist made 39 saves for New York and Jonathan Quick had 34 for Los Angeles. Both goalies made a handful of stellar overtime stops.

After blowing a 2-0 lead in the opener, New York had three different two-goal leads in Game 2. The Kings still came roaring back.

Lundqvist and the Rangers couldn't believe an interference penalty wasn't called after Matt Greene's slap shot hit King and went in while the bruising forward fell on top of Lundqvist.

"I'm extremely disappointed on that call — or non-call," Lundqvist said. "I mean, they've got to be consistent with that rule. ... They score a goal and I can't even move. It's extremely frustrating for them to get life like that. After that, it's a different game."

Mats Zuccarello and Derick Brassard both had a goal and an assist for the Rangers. Ryan McDonagh and Martin St. Louis also scored, but New York couldn't finish another strong effort.

IndyCar Series

Carpenter holds on for victory in Texas

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — IndyCar owner Ed Carpenter now drives his car only on ovals. He does it well.

Carpenter stayed in front of Will Power during a two-lap shootout to win at Texas Motor Speedway on Saturday night after a late caution night wiped out his huge lead. The victory came two weeks after a late accident took away any chance to win the Indianapolis 500.

"It's just good to bounce back," Carpenter said. "Nothing really totally makes up forfeited opportunity at the Speedway. But at the same time, it always feels good to win, especially a place like this."

Carpenter



On the final green-flag stop with 35 laps left, Carpenter beat pole-sitter and season points leader Power off pit road. Team Penske driver Power made things worse when he was penalized for speeding out of the pits.

"I'm just going too hard," said Power, who had the fourth drive-thru penalty in five races but kept the points lead. "I just go for race wins. I'm not looking at points."

Power was sixth, and Carpenter had a lead of about 18 seconds over Juan Pablo Montoya, when Takuma Sato's engine blew and his car caught fire with seven laps left.

While the top four cars stayed out during that caution, Power went in for fresh tires. That gave him the chance to make up some ground, and he made a big charge after the final restart to finish second, only a half-second back.

With another lap, the outcome might have been different.

"I don't know. Ed was awfully strong," Power said. "He's an awesome driver and it would have been a good battle at the end. ... It

was a lot of fun."

Carpenter's third career victory, all on ovals, came after leading 90 of 248 laps.

After winning at Kentucky for Sarah Fisher Racing in 2011, he started his own team the next year and won the season finale at California. Carpenter was on the pole at Indy the last two seasons, and this year is leaving the road and street courses to Mike Conway.

Conway won at Long Beach the second race this season and was in the cockpit for both races at Detroit last weekend.

So this was the first race for Carpenter since the late crash at Indy with James Hinchcliff.

"It feels good. There's no denying the fact that I was really mad after Indy," Carpenter said. "It's not that I'm still mad at Hinch, but I'm still mad at the situation and we lost an opportunity. ... We're just going to keep the intensity up and try to keep fighting for wins."

Carpenter went to the high side to get around Power on lap 182, and within a lap had already pushed ahead by nearly a second. Power led 145 laps.

Montoya finished third, ahead of Simon Pagenaud, Scott Dixon and Tony Kanaan — the only drivers to finish on the lead lap. Helio Castroneves, the defending race winner and a four-time winner at Texas, was 10th.

The race was 20 laps longer than last year when Castroneves won. At the end of 228 laps, the length of the 2013 race, Carpenter had a 13½-second lead over Montoya.

Indianapolis 500 champion Ryan Hunter-Reay, the Dallas-born driver who has said he "definitely, desperately" wants to win at Texas, had another tough weekend and only finished 135 laps before losing power and oil pressure.

Since winning at Indy, Andretti Motorsport driver Hunter-Reay finished 16th and 19th at the dual races in Detroit and 19th at Texas.

Marco Andretti, his teammate, finished last in the 22-car field after his own mechanical issues.



TIM SHARP/AP

Ed Carpenter pits during the IndyCar auto race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday.

MLB

Cards' Miller cools off Jays with 3-hitter

By IAN HARRISON
The Associated Press

TORONTO — Shelby Miller felt "awkward" as he warmed up before facing the top home run-hitting team in the major leagues.

Then he made the Toronto Blue Jays feel uncomfortable all afternoon.

Miller took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning and finished with a three-hit shut-out Saturday in the St. Louis Cardinals' 5-0 victory over Toronto that snapped the Blue Jays' six-game winning streak.

"Warming up in the bullpen, I didn't feel good at all," Miller said. "It's crazy how the game works. I'm a little speechless still. It was a lot of fun doing that."

Randal Grichuk hit his first career home run for the Cardinals, who won for only the third time in 11 games.

"Hopefully we get the ball rolling," Miller said.

Miller (7-5) struck out five and walked one. He retired the first 13 batters before walking Adam Lind in the fifth.

"He carved us up pretty good," Blue

Jays manager John Gibbons said.

Miller had lost his previous three starts, permitting at least four runs each time. He was in command against Toronto, pitching the second complete game of his career. His other came May 10, 2013, when he gave up a leadoff single to Colorado's Eric Young and then set down 27 batters in a row.

Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said Saturday's performance might have been even better.

"This one, especially with the way their offense has been producing, is the best one I've seen," Matheny said.

Jose Reyes lined a single to right field with two outs in the sixth for Toronto's first hit. Melky Cabrera followed with a ball that nicked first baseman Allen Craig's glove for a double, but Miller struck out Jose Bautista swinging at a fastball to end the inning.

"He turned it up, no question," Matheny said. "That's a huge part of the game right there, obviously, with one of the best hitters you're going to see."

Mark Buehrle (10-2) had won six straight decisions. Grichuk's solo homer was the only run Buehrle allowed in seven innings.

"He hammered that ball," Matheny said of Grichuk's drive. "That's the kind of power that excites you about him. Not many guys have that kind of juice to the center of the field."



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

The Cardinals' Randal Grichuk (15) is congratulated by Matt Holliday after hitting a solo home run off Blue Jays pitcher Mark Buehrle in the Cardinals' 5-0 win Saturday.

The Cardinals (32-31) avoided dropping below .500. The NL champions scored more than two runs for just the third time in eight games.

Grichuk's one-out homer in the fifth was just the third allowed by Buehrle this season, and the first since May 22.

Buehrle allowed five hits and left with a 2.05 ERA, second in the AL to New York's

Masahiro Tanaka. He matched a season-high with five walks and struck out six.

St. Louis broke it open with four runs in the eighth. Mark Ellis drew a bases-loaded walk from Aaron Lough, and one out later, Tony Cruz hit a two-run single.

Steve Delabar replaced Lough and issued back-to-back walks to Matt Carpenter and Grichuk to make it 5-0.

Padres take a shot on Johnny Baseball in draft

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Johnny Manziel and the sons of Cal Ripken Jr. and Mariano Rivera were just a few of the familiar names selected on the final day of the Major League Baseball draft.

The sons of former big leaguers Bobby Bonilla, John Franco, Tom Browning, Benito Santiago and Magglio Ordonez were also taken as baseball's draft wrapped up Saturday after three days, 40 rounds and 1,215 players chosen.

Manziel, the Cleveland Browns quarterback, was taken by San Diego in the 28th round and listed as a shortstop for Texas A&M — although he never played for the Aggies. He last played baseball in high school and likely won't see the diamond again as he begins his NFL career.

"It was kind of, 'Why not?'" Padres general manager Josh Byrnes said before the Padres hosted the Washington Nationals. "Best athlete on the board," Mike Dee, the Padres' president and CEO, wrote on Twitter.

Ryan Ripken, a 6-foot-6, 230-pound first baseman from Indian River State College in Florida, was taken in the 15th round by Washington. The lefty-hitting son of baseball's "Iron Man" batted .321 with one homer and 24 RBIs in 42 games this

season after transferring from South Carolina, where he did not make the roster and redshirted.

"I think there's immense pressure on that young man," Nationals manager Matt Williams said. "It's too bad, but I think he handles it really well. You know, dad, uncle, grandfather, great bloodlines, great work ethic."

Mariano Rivera III, a starting pitcher at Iona College, went to the Yankees — his father's old team — in the 29th round. He went 2-6 with a 5.40 ERA and five complete games and a team-leading 50 strikeouts in 70 innings for the Gaels. Yankees manager Joe Girardi asked his former closer for a scouting report on his son.

"Mo wasn't sure if he got drafted what he would do," Girardi said before the Yankees played the Royals in Kansas City. "But I think it's neat he got drafted by the Yankees and we'll see what happens."

Houston, which had the first overall pick for the third straight year, took California high school lefty Brady Aiken at No. 1 on Thursday night.

The Astros are the first team to select first in three consecutive drafts, having picked shortstop Carlos Correa in 2012 and right-hander Mark Appel last year.

Aiken is the first high school lefty to be drafted in the first five picks since Adam Loewen went fourth overall to Baltimore

in 2002. The UCLA recruit, who compared himself to Clayton Kershaw and David Price, is also in line to receive a huge contract. The allotted slot bonus for the top pick is nearly \$8 million.

After having no picks in the first two rounds, Baltimore made eight selections Friday, including Notre Dame right-hander Pat Connaughton, who also started at guard for the Fighting Irish basketball team. After averaging 13.8 points and 7.1 rebounds on the court, the 6-foot-5 Connaughton went 3-5 with a 3.92 ERA in 62 innings on the mound for Notre Dame.

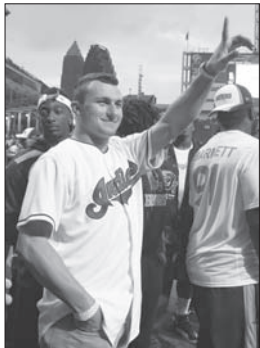
"It's a dream come true to be able to play at a place like Notre Dame and have it pay off," Connaughton told the school's website.

"When I saw my name, I was surprised and excited all at the same time. I was pumped that it's an East Coast team and a great organization to learn and develop in."

The Orioles had forfeited their first two picks after signing free agents Nelson Cruz and Ubaldo Jimenez during the offseason. Their first selection came in the third round with Florida high school lefty Brian Gonzalez, who went 90th overall.

Miami right-hander Javier Salas, who pitched the second perfect game in Hurricanes history this season, went in the 10th round to Milwaukee.

AP Writers Dave Skretta in Kansas City and Bernie Wilson in San Diego contributed to this report.



TONY DEAN/AP

Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel waves to fans before the Indians-Red Sox game Wednesday in Cleveland. Manziel, taken in the first round of the NFL Draft in May, was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 28th round of the Major League Baseball draft on Saturday.

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NL roundup

Bruce's HR, 3 RBIs leads Reds by Phils

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds used a well-rounded effort to end their losing streak on Saturday.

Jay Bruce homered and drove in three runs and the Reds snapped a three-game losing streak with a 6-5 win over the Phillies.

Todd Frazier also homered and the Reds played strong defense, throwing out two runners at the plate to end innings and overcome homers by Marlon Byrd, Carlos Ruiz and Jimmy Rollins to send the Phillies to their seventh loss in eight games.

"Talk about a complete game," first-year manager Bryan Price said. "Those two perfectly executed relay throws were a big deal. We had a lot of good things, defensively and offensively."

Center fielder Billy Hamilton, second baseman Brandon Phillips and catcher Devin Mesoraco teamed up to throw out Byrd at the plate to end the sixth inning and Ruiz to end the seventh.

"Those are fun plays," Mesoraco said. "Those are always my most fun plays. You certainly don't want to give up the doubles to get into that position."

Alfredo Simon (8-3) allowed seven hits and three runs in three strikeouts in six innings. Jonathon Broxton pitched a scoreless eighth inning and Araldis Chapman pitched the ninth for his eighth save.

The Reds wasted no time snapping their 17-inning, scoreless streak, scoring in the first inning. Hamilton drew a leadoff walk, stole second on the first pitch to Skip Schumaker and hustled to roll on Schumaker's groundout to Rollins at shortstop, setting up Bruce's sacrifice fly.

The Phillies answered with Byrd's two-run homer in the second, his ninth of the season.

Frazier led off the bottom of the second with his team-leading 13th home run in three of his past four games.

Frazier sparked Cincinnati's

fourth-inning go-ahead rally with a single to right field and stolen base. Zack Cozart drove him in with a sinking line drive to right-center field that Ben Revere got a glove on with a diving try before the ball trickled away. Cozart went to third on Ramon Santiago's single and scored on Hamilton's sacrifice fly.

The Phillies threatened in the fifth, getting runners to second and third with one out, prompting manager Ryne Sandberg to pinch-hit John Mayberry Jr. for starting pitcher Roberto Hernandez.

Hernandez (2-4), is 0-3 in seven starts since his most recent win on May 4, allowed four hits and four runs with three walks and two strikeouts in four innings. He also hit a batter.

Giants 4, Mets 4: Michael Morse hit an RBI single with one out in the ninth inning after Hunter Pence's tying double as host San Francisco beat New York.

Diamondbacks 4, Braves 3 (11): Gerardo Parra's bloop single brought Cody Ross home from second in the 11th inning to lift host Arizona to victory over Atlanta.

Padres 4, Nationals 3 (11): Yonder Alonso homered with two outs in the ninth inning to tie the game and Cameron Maybin hit an RBI bloop single with two outs in the 11th to carry host San Diego past Washington.

Cubs 5, Marlins 2: Junior Lake hit two home runs and Emilio Bonifacio added a two-run shot as host Chicago extended its winning streak to five games in the win over Miami.

Brewers 9, Pirates 3: Matt Garza got through six shaky innings to win back-to-back starts for the first time since last July and Lyle Overbay hit a tiebreaking two-run single to lead Milwaukee over host Pittsburgh.

Rockies 5, Dodgers 4 (10): Brandon Barnes' triple off the center-field wall in the 10th inning scored the winning run as host Colorado beat Los Angeles snapped an eight-game losing streak.



AL BEHRMAN/AP

Cincinnati Reds catcher Devin Mesoraco holds up the ball after tagging out Philadelphia Phillies' Marlon Byrd (3) at home in the sixth inning of Saturday's game in Cincinnati. Byrd was trying to score on a double by Domic Brown. The Reds won 6-5.



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

The Angels' Mike Trout, center, high fives Collin Cowgill, left, and Chris Iannetta and after hitting a grand slam in the eighth inning of Saturday's game in Anaheim, Calif. The Angels rallied for a 6-5 victory.

AL roundup

Trout's grand slam helps Angels rally by White Sox

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The legend of Mike Trout just keeps on growing.

Trout hit a game-tying grand slam in the bottom of the eighth, Josh Hamilton had three hits and scored the go-ahead run, and the Los Angeles Angels erased a five-run deficit to beat the Chicago White Sox 6-5 Saturday night.

"We needed a victory like this," Trout said. "We never stopped fighting, had great at-bats, put some things together and we came out and got the W."

Chicago starter Chris Sale took a three-hit shutout into the eighth and the White Sox held a commanding 5-0 lead.

Erick Aybar led off the eighth with a double and scored on Chris Iannetta's single, and after an error and another single loaded the bases, Trout hit a full-count changeup over the left-center field fence to tie it.

Aybar stroked a two-out RBI single later in the inning, and Ernesto Frieri closed it out for the Angels.

The grand slam was Trout's only hit of the game. He has a hit in 14 of his last 15 games and has reached base in 26 of his last 27.

"I was just (using a) two-strike approach," he said. "I wasn't trying to hit a home run, but it went out. The first two swings I was thinking home run, that's why I fouled them off. You try to get too big in situations you lose mechanics of your swing. That 2-2 pitch I just told myself to stay up the middle and put the ball in play."

Sale was all but unmittable for the first seven innings. The 25-year-old left-hander didn't allow an Angels runner past second base to that point and appeared

firmly in control.

The Angels finally figured him out in the eighth. After Aybar doubled and scored on Iannetta's single, Colin Cowgill reached on an error by shortstop Alexi Ramirez.

Howie Kendrick poked a single through the right side to bring Trout up with the bases loaded and no outs, and the Angels outfielder belted the tying homer to whip the home crowd into a frenzy.

"I don't really remember much from it," Sale said. "I just remember that ball going over the fence and wanting to rip my own head off."

"That's why he's the best in the league. I can't really say too much about a guy like that hitting a home run off of you."

Trout's blast, his 12th homer of the season, ended Sale's night. The Angels weren't done.

Hamilton and C.J. Cron hit back-to-back two-out singles off reliever Jake Petricka (0-1), and Aybar poked a 2-2 fastball into center field to score Hamilton and give the Angels their first lead of the game.

"We never quit," Trout said. "Down 5-0 we could easily just put our heads down and stop fighting, but you never know. Everybody contributed. It was a team win for sure."

Cory Rasmus (1-0), who was recalled from Triple-A Salt Lake before the game, pitched two scoreless innings of relief for the win.

The White Sox opened the scoring in the third on back-to-back RBI singles by Adam Eaton and Gordon Beckham, and Alejandro De Aza smacked an RBI double into the right-center field gap in the fourth to extend their lead to

3-0.

Adam Dunn led off the sixth with a solo homer deep to center field, his third consecutive game with a home run.

The blast, which easily cleared the 396-foot marker in center, ended the night for Angels starter Matt Shoemaker.

Shoemaker surrendered nine hits and four runs, three earned, while striking out six.

De Aza brought home another run on a sacrifice fly later in the sixth to give the White Sox a seemingly comfortable 5-0 lead.

Twins 8, Astros 0: Rookie Danny Santana drove in five runs and Kyle Gibson pitched seven strong innings as host Minnesota shut out Houston.

Indians 8, Rangers 3: Yan Gomes and Carlos Santana, the last two batters in Cleveland's order, homered to back Josh Tomlin as the Indians beat host Texas and get back to the .500 mark.

Tigers 8, Red Sox 6: Miguel Cabrera had three hits, Eugenio Suarez homered for his first hit in the majors and host Detroit sent Boston to its fifth straight loss.

Orioles 6, Athletics 3: Kevin Gausman earned his first win as a starter while Adam Jones and David Lough each homered as host Baltimore beat Oakland.

Royals 8, Yankees 4: Salvador Perez hit a three-run homer, Eric Hosmer also went deep and host Kansas City cruised past New York. Alex Gordon, Lorenzo Cain, Alcides Escobar and Nori Aoki drove in a run apiece for the Royals.

Mariners 7, Rays 4: Dustin Ackley drove in three runs and Roenis Elias won his second consecutive start as visiting Seattle defeated Tampa Bay.

BELMONT STAKES

Second miss at crown for Chrome jockey

By Mike Farrell
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Since Affirmed swept the last Triple Crown in 1978, Victor Espinoza is the only jockey to get two cracks at winning the elusive title again.

Both times he's left empty. It was War Emblem in 2002. On Saturday, it was California Chrome's turn to lose the Belmont after capturing the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

"We reached almost to the top," Espinoza said. "Just one step away to get to the top."

California Chrome finished in a dead heat for fourth, a disappointment to bettors who made him the 4-5 favorite. The Belmont was the third tough race in a short five-week span. His tank was empty.

"As soon as he came out of the gate he wasn't the same," Espinoza said.

Espinoza, 41, was once a bus driver in his native Mexico City. He has won riding titles at four Southern California tracks, winning over 3,000 races and earning \$169 million in purses.

With history on the line, the rider did his best to nurse California Chrome through the 1 1/2-mile race. Espinoza kept him on the rail in the early stages. On the final turn, with time running out, Espinoza shifted California Chrome outside to light a spark.

"By five eighths pole (the top of the turn) he was empty," the jockey said. "I tried to move out to see if it would make a difference."

Not with a tired horse. "It was just waiting for to have the same kick like he always had before," Espinoza said. "Today he was a bit flat down the lane. He ran back-to-back races at different tracks, and against those fresh horses."

At least this time, California



CRAIG RUBADOUX, FLORIDA TODAY/AP

Jockey Victor Espinoza wave to the crowd aboard California Chrome after finishing fourth in the Belmont Stakes on Saturday.

Chrome got to run his race.

War Emblem was a different kind of horse, a confirmed runner who had to have his way to be effective.

War Emblem stumbled at the start of the Belmont. Espinoza got him back into the race but playing

catchup was not War Emblem's game. He finished eighth.

Jockeys rarely get a chance for Triple Crown redemption. Espinoza was handed one when California Chrome launched a six-race winning streak the moment they teamed up. It was a

magical run that started in races restricted to horses bred in California. It picked up momentum in the Santa Anita Derby and crashed the national stage in the Derby and the Preakness.

In every win, California Chrome proved responsive to

every command by Espinoza. They won on the lead. They came from just off the pace.

"The last time I had been here, I stumbled," Espinoza said. "Today I don't feel bad. California Chrome was just empty today."

Chrome: Bitter owner says skipping first two legs 'coward's way out'

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cowboy hat to fans and signing items they tossed to him in his box seat.

But the mood turned ugly after the race. Three tough races in five weeks proved too demanding for California Chrome, who was sent off as the heavy 4-5 favorite. Affirmed remains the most recent Triple Crown winner in 1978.

The raucous crowd of 102,199 — the third-largest in Belmont odd history — was silenced when it became obvious that California Chrome lacked his usual punch in the stretch.

Jockey Victor Espinoza realized long before then that his chestnut colt wasn't up to the grueling 1 1/2-mile trip around the track's sweeping turns.

"As soon as he came out of the gate, he wasn't the same," Espinoza said.

Alan Sherman, the son and assistant to trainer Art Sherman, agreed.

"When Victor started to squeeze on him, he didn't respond," he said. "He was wore out. I think."

Once the official result was posted, fans sat in stunned silence.

Penny Chenery, the 92-year-old owner of 1973 Triple Crown champion Secretariat,

'As soon as he came out of the gate, he wasn't the same.'

Victor Espinoza
California Chrome
jockey

Crown winner, but I'm happy for the winners," she said.

Tonalist, the fifth wagering choice at 9-1 odds, was a fresh and rested horse making his debut on the Triple Crown trail. He last ran and won the Peter Pan Stakes over the same Belmont dirt on May 10.

Tonalist beat Commissioner, another newcomer to the Triple Crown, by a head. Those two horses finished in the same order in the Peter Pan. Tonalist ran the distance in 2:28.52 and paid \$20.40, \$9.60 and \$7.

Commissioner returned \$23.20 and \$13.20, while Medal Count was third and paid \$13.20 to show.

Samraat was sixth, followed by General

a Rod, Matterhorn, Commanding Curve, Matuszak and Ride On Curlin.

California Chrome broke quickly but was pressed immediately by Commissioner and General a Rod. Espinoza eased California Chrome back into third along the rail.

Approaching the final turn, California Chrome was maneuvered to the outside. He angled four-wide turning for home, just to the outside of Tonalist, who was close to the pace the entire race. Espinoza started whipping left-handed in the lane but California Chrome had no response.

"I thought he was gaining ground, but he didn't have it in him, apparently," Coburn said.

Tonalist joined the growing list of Triple Crown spoilers, making California Chrome the 12th horse since Affirmed to lose his Triple try in the Belmont, the longest race in the series. In 2012, I'll Have Another won the first two legs, but was scratched the day before the Belmont with a career-ending tendon injury.

"The Triple Crown itself, obviously it's tough," winning trainer Christophe Clement said. "If it would be easier to do it, then it would mean nothing."

Tonalist was making just his fifth career start.

"We actually thought he finished second, but we got lucky, he won," Clement said. "It was great."

California Chrome's rise from a humble pedigree and his working-stiff owners resonated with sports fans who rarely take an interest in horse racing.

His owners spent \$8,000 on a mare they bred to a stallion for \$2,500, and were called "dumb asses" by a trainer for buying a mare who gave no indication that she could produce a standout offspring who could run fast.

Conditions seemed aligned for the Triple Crown drought to end. California Chrome thrived during his three-week stay at Belmont Park. His chestnut coat gleamed and he gained weight after the Preakness on May 17. His owners, trainer and jockey oozed confidence.

But this fairy tale didn't have a happy ending.

"The horse tried, that's all I can ask for. He took me on the ride of my life, I'll always have that in my heart for that horse," trainer Art Sherman said.

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Briefly

Mayor: Bay won't be clean for Rio Games

The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Rio de Janeiro will not keep its promise of cleaning polluted Guanabara Bay for the 2016 Olympics, Mayor Eduardo Paes said on Saturday.

Cleaning the giant bay was part of the pitch Rio made in being awarded the games, saying this would form an important part of its legacy.

Olympic sailors have described the 2016 venue as a "sewer" with almost 70 percent of sewage going untreated into area waters. Sailors have talked of dodging floating sofas, animal carcasses, and plastic trash bags that float ruders.

"I'm sorry that we did not use the games to get Guanabara Bay completely clean," Paes said in his first public admission that the problem will not be solved.

Rio's Olympics have faced mounting criticism over delays, with International Olympic Committee members saying openly the games are at risk and preparations are the "worst" in recent memory. In April the IOC sent special advisers to Rio to help organizers get on track.

Any hope Brazil would be able to clean up the sewage-filled bay was questioned in a document obtained last month by The Associated Press.

In a May 7 letter to sports minister Aldo Rebelo, Rio's state environment secretary, Carlos Francisco Portinho, acknowledged in a best-case scenario that pollution flowing into the bay could be cut to "over 50 percent" — well below the promised reduction of 80 percent.

Paes said he was "not afraid for the health of any of the athletes. It's going to be fine."

He said sailing would take place in a part of the bay that was less polluted.

Some parts are worse than others, but water movements and tides make it difficult to predict the trajectory of human waste and floating debris. The media races for the Olympics are questioning off-Flamengo beach, where warnings are posted telling people not to swim.

The few swimmers there appear to be children from neighboring slums.

Venues for rowing and distance swimming also face questions over water quality. And the world governing body for sailing, the ISAF, has said it may test water quality to protect athletes.

That could come as soon as a test event that opens on Aug. 2, the first test of any kind for Rio.

Cotto stops Martinez in middleweight title fight

NEW YORK — Miguel Cotto became the first Puerto Rican fighter to win world championships in four weight divisions, stopping Sergio Martinez in their WBC world middleweight title fight on Saturday.

"It was a reflection of my hard work (for) 10, 11 weeks," Cotto said.

Martinez didn't get off the stool when the bell rang for the 10th round. He did not speak to the media after the fight, as he was taken to a hospital as a precaution.

"Miguel beat him from pillar to post," said Martinez's promoter, Lou DiBella. "Miguel Cotto is a great champion."

Cotto improved to 39-4. Martinez fell to 51-3-2.

Crane leads St. Jude Classic after 3 rounds

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Ben Crane finished his third round Sunday morning with a 1-under 69 at the rain-delayed St. Jude Classic, giving him a three-stroke lead going into the final round.

Crane had a two-birdie and one-bogey round for a 13-under 197 total. He has a chance to lead wire to wire if he can finish off what would be his first PGA Tour win since 2011 and fifth career win.

Troy Merritt (67) was at 200 with Brian Harman (67) at 201.

Phil Mickelson had a bogey-free round with three birdies on his back nine for a 67 and a 202 total. He hasn't won in 19 events since the British Open as he tunes up for the U.S. Open at Pinehurst.

Wind, thunderstorms, lightning and fog have delayed play each of the first three days.

With more storms forecast, players started the fourth round almost immediately after concluding the third.

In other golf news:

■ Mikael Lundberg beat Bernd Wiesberger in a playoff on Sunday to win the Lyonnese Open in Atzenbrugg, Austria for his first European Tour title in six years and third overall.

The Swede birdied the first playoff hole with a gutsy long putt to wrap up the victory.

Lundberg, who made three birdies in a row on his way to a 65, and Wiesberger, who shot 69, were tied at 12 under after the fourth round.

Rangers' Moreland out 3 months for surgery

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas Rangers' first baseman Mitch Moreland will miss about three months to have surgery on a left ankle that's been bothering him all season.

Moreland has tried injections and other remedies but hasn't been able to get rid of persistent pain in the ankle. The Rangers announced the decision Sunday.

The 28-year-old Moreland had to take over at first when Prince Fielder was sidelined for the season to have neck surgery.

Moreland is hitting .246 with two home runs and 23 RBIs. He had a career-high 23 homers last season.



MICHEL EULER/AP

Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Serbia's Novak Djokovic during the French Open men's title match at Roland Garros stadium, in Paris on Sunday.

Nadal still the best in Paris

Spaniard drops first set to Djokovic, but wins ninth French Open title

By CHRIS LEHOURETTS
The Associated Press

PARIS — At the French Open, there's just no one better than Rafael Nadal.

The "King of Clay" proved that again on Sunday, winning the title at Roland Garros for the ninth time, and the fifth time in a row, by beating Novak Djokovic 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 in the final.

Nadal improved his record at Roland Garros to 66-1, and stretched his winning streak at the clay-court major to 35 straight. He also became the first man to win the same Grand Slam title nine times.

"For me, playing here in Roland Garros is just unforgettable, forever," Nadal said on court.

But it didn't look too good at the start for the top-seeded Spaniard. Djokovic won the first set and looked to be in control of nearly every point. The combination of Nadal finding his range and the heat on court started to take its toll on the second-seeded Serb.

Both players used ice-filled towels to cool themselves during changeovers, but Djokovic also looked like he vomited a bit as he was heading for the first changeover in the fourth set.

Djokovic also appeared out of sorts in the third set. Trailing 3-0, he wobbled as he went to take his seat on the bench for the changeover. And in the final set, with Nadal leading 5-4, Djokovic poured cold water on his head and on each forearm in an effort to cool off.

It's normal that you have ups and downs. I was just hoping that in the fourth I would be able



MICHEL EULER/AP

Rafael Nadal lifts up the championship trophy cup after defeating Novak Djokovic in French Open finals, his ninth title and fifth in a row.

to come back," Djokovic said. "I started feeling ... a little bit better, but I wasn't managing to bring my 'A' game when it was most needed in the end of the fourth."

Nadal was broken once in the first set, once in the second and once again in the fourth. He was able to recover the second two breaks as he started to find his range on Court Philippe Chatrier, the stadium Nadal calls his favorite place in the world to play.

He ended up breaking Djokovic to win the second set, and then again to win the third and yet again to win the fourth.

On match point, Djokovic double-faulted for the third time. Nadal dropped to his knees before shaking hands with Djokovic and then climbing into the crowd to

celebrate with the team.

"Every moment is crucial now. All the points are so hard," Nadal said. "Playing against Novak always is a big, big challenge for me."

Nadal, who will retain his place at the top of the rankings with the victory, has now won 14 Grand Slam titles, tied for second among the men with Pete Sampras. Only Roger Federer, with 17 majors, has more.

"For me, this is amazing, emotional today," said Nadal, the runner-up at the Australian Open in January. "I lost the final of Australia this year. I had a problem with my back in the final, so it was a very hard moment. So today, the tennis gave me back what happened in Australia."

Nadal is also the first to win five straight French Open titles. He won from 2005 to 2008, but lost for the only time in the fourth round of the 2009 tournament. Federer won that year to complete a career Grand Slam.

Nadal is 23-19 against Djokovic overall, and 6-0 against him at Roland Garros. Djokovic took Nadal to five sets in last year's French Open semifinals, and lost in four in the 2012 final.

Entering Sunday's match, however, Djokovic had won their previous four meetings, including winning the title in Rome on clay.

The six-time major champion still needs a French Open title to complete a career Grand Slam.

"I did again my best," said Djokovic, now 0-2 in French Open finals. "I played at the maximum of my power, my strength, and my capability, but Rafa was the best player on the court."

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MATT SLOCUM/AP

Tonalist with Joel Rosario up edges out Commissioner with Javier Castellano up to win the 146th running of the Belmont Stakes in Elmont, N.Y. on Saturday. Pre-race favorite and Triple Crown hopeful California Chrome, center, finished tied for fourth.

‘He didn’t have it in him’

Chrome fails in Triple Crown bid, fourth to long shot Tonalist in final leg

By BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — California Chrome failed in his bid to win the first Triple Crown in 36 years on Saturday, losing the Belmont Stakes to long shot Tonalist and leaving his owner to complain others took “the coward’s way out” by skipping the first two legs of the Triple Crown.

Before tens of thousands hoping to see

history, the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner finished in a dead-heat for fourth with Wicked Strong. California Chrome’s loss extended the longest drought without a Triple Crown champion.

California Chrome co-owner Steve Coburn was bitter about horses skipping the first two legs and then stealing the Belmont. Six of the last eight Belmont winners did just that.

“That’s the coward’s way out,” he said.

“It’s not fair to these horses that have been in the game since day one. If you don’t make enough points to get into the Kentucky Derby, you can’t run in the other two races. It’s all or nothing.”

Coburn thought the other 10 horses ganged up on California Chrome, who was second early, dropped to fourth and then fifth before dead-heating for fourth. Photos after the race showed Chrome also had a bloody gash on his right front foot, a minor

injury that may have hurt his chances.

Coburn voiced a similar complaint after the Preakness, saying only the 20 horses that run in the Kentucky Derby should be eligible to compete in the other two legs. He also believed that horses skipping the Preakness should not be allowed to return in the Belmont.

Coburn had been in a festive mood earlier in the day, waving his cream-colored

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